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Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	Jan. 21
Japan	Jan. 21
Shanghai	Jan. 21
Shanghai and Amoy	Jan. 21
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Ord.	Jan. 17, 7.00 p.m.
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Canton	Friday, Jan. 19
Amoy and Shanghai	2.30 p.m.
Japan	7.00 p.m.
Sundakan	Friday, Jan. 19
Calcutta	8.30 a.m.
Parcels	Jan. 19, 8.30 a.m.
Ord.	Jan. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Saigon	Saturday, Jan. 20
Haiphong	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Suez	3.30 p.m.
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Reg.	Jan. 20, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	Jan. 22, 5.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow	9 a.m.
Shanghai	9 a.m.
Swatow and Parcels only for Tientsin	9 a.m.
Monday, Jan. 22	
Tourane and Saigon	8.30 a.m.
Haiphong	1 p.m.
Canton	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 23	
Shanghai	2.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Naples, 10th February	2.30 p.m.
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Mr. A. N. Wootton, Assistant Australian Government Trade Commissioner in China, will arrive in Hong Kong about 17th. Inst. for a short visit and will be glad if parties desiring to consult him in connection with Australian Trade will communicate with him c/o Mr. S. T. Williamson, 6th Floor, P. & O. Building.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:
To-day's trading has been on a larger scale than that of yesterday. Sales reported suggest an incipient demand which may easily broaden.

Buyers	
H.K. Bank	\$1,340
Union Insurance	\$400
Wharves	\$102
Docks	\$21.40
Providents	\$4.70
Humphreys	\$8.94
Realities	\$24
Yau-mai Ferries	\$24
China Lights (New)	\$4.34
Electric	\$55
Macao Electric	\$18.74
Sandakan Lights	\$11.4
Cements	\$18.85
Dairy Farms (New)	\$2.15
Watsons	\$0.15
Entertainments	\$7
Vibro Piling	\$8.4
Sellers	
H.K. Bank	\$1,370
Wharves	\$475
Providents	\$4.75
Hotels	\$5.54

Sales	
H.K. Bank	\$1,365
Fire Insurance	\$180
Docks	\$21.40
Providents	\$4.70/70
Hotels	\$5.34
Tramways	\$17.60
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Tribe Raise War Fund

CAPETOWN.
A MEETING of the Bakgalla tribe in Bechuanaland has decided that each initiated member should contribute five shillings to the Bechuanaland War Fund, "to assist the King in his struggle against Germany."—Exchange.

Bomb Dropped on Ship: It Failed To Go Off

IN a north-east coast port, fifty-four-year-old Captain Thomas Rooney and his crew of seven sat drinking tea and congratulating themselves on their escape from two Nazi air raiders who sank their ship, the 487-ton Serenity.

Captain Rooney said: "The Jerries are warhous as marksmen. They put a lot more bullets and bombs into the sea than they put into the boat." Out of about twenty-five bombs, they hit the ship with three.

The planes circled over the Serenity, then dived. Machine-gun bullets went through the engine-room skylight, spluttering on the floor round chief engineer W. Dawson.

The bridge was the main target, however, and Captain Rooney was forced to leave as shots splintered the wheel-house.

Henry Barford, of King's Lynn, was at the wheel, but he did not leave his post until the captain ordered the crew to the boats.

As they swung the lifeboat out, a bomb plunged off the stern. It failed to explode.

As the crew pulled away other bombs fell. Most of them were wide of the ship.

The Serenity crew were rowing for several hours before being picked up. Their distress signals were seen at a lifeboat station.

Humber Raided
Hundreds of people on the seashore saw the ship being attacked by an enemy bomber in the Humber district. They saw guns open fire on the raider, saw it chased by defending aircraft. One witness said he saw a machine come down apparently out of control.

Mrs. Wilson said she saw several planes flying in and out of the clouds. Then she saw a black machine flying just under the clouds and making up river.

Two tremendous reports were followed by flashes of flame and great splashes in the direction of the ships. The plane disappeared, then reappeared after a few moments, heading for the sea pursued by fighter planes.

Mrs. Wilson added: "I think all the explosions were clear of the ships." Mr. H. Toogood, who was on the promenade, saw the machine fall at great speed, leaving a trail of smoke. It looked to be out of control.

For the second time, R.A.F. "blockade" planes bombed German mine-sowing planes that were waiting to leave their bases in the Wistula Islands.

The first time bombs were dropped by the "security patrols". The official German news agency dismisses the bombing by saying: "Isolated enemy aircraft reached the Heligoland light last night, completely darkened, but only managed to drop a few bombs in the sea far outside the area of the German Islands."

Actually Britain is now running a full-scale air blockade of all Germany's northern seaplane bases. It goes on from dusk to dawn, seven nights a week—and so far without one British casualty.

French Deny Sending Arms To S. China

Indignant Reply To Japanese Reports

PARIS, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—A categorical official denial is given to the reports from Japanese sources that arms and munitions are being sent to South China by the French Indo-China railway.

It is stated that the influence of these reports, which French circles are obliged to deny as regularly as they are circulated, appears to be the reflection of the desire of certain Japanese circles, particularly the military circles, to justify by military considerations the destruction by aerial bombardment of the last railway communication existing with that part of China which is free from Japanese occupation.

Chiefly U.S. Goods
The statement says that the greater part of the traffic on this line consists of goods from the United States.

If these allegations and bombardments are repeated, French circles will be tempted to think that despite the orientation of the Japanese Government, which does not desire difficult relations with Western Powers, these acts come from the military circles which think that they need not respect with due discipline the instructions coming to them from higher authorities and the Japanese Government.

When Disney made "Snow White" he encountered some little trouble from squeamish parents who thought some of the scenes were too terrifying for the youngsters to see. The Fleischers hope to escape such threats to the box office. They have censored the film and censored it again in hope of producing giggles in place of chills.

Paintings Sold
A New York art dealer has contracted for all the thousands of paintings that went into the manufacture of the film. Most of them will be sold for around \$10 each. But some of the more elaborate ones—beautiful pieces of art, really—will bring \$500 each, Fleischer said.

Ten cent stores already are stocking up on Gulliver books, illustrated with scenes from the picture. One of the biggest soap companies is making bath tablets in the hero's likeness.

There are Gulliver dresses, handkerchiefs, scarfs, ash trays, dolls, book-ends, reading lamps, medals, medallions, writing tablets, balloons, puzzles, balls, flash lights, sweat shirts, and so on, almost ad infinitum. For the youngsters to see. The Fleischers hope to escape such threats to the box office. They have censored the film and censored it again in hope of producing giggles in place of chills.

Envelope Should Have Read: Rear Admiral

NAVAL HERO'S SON WROTE TOO SOON

A WAKENED by his headmaster at a Sussex school, a sleepy-eyed boy learned that his father was to be knighted and had been promoted to the rank of rear-admiral.

The boy reflected for a moment. Then he said: "How sick father will be! I wrote a letter to him to-day and addressed him as commodore."

As he turned over and closed his eyes he was smiling happily.

The boy was Cyprinus, 13-year-old son of Rear-Admiral Henry Harwood, who has been honoured by the King for his "gallant and successful action" with three British cruisers against the Graf Spee.

Rear-Admiral Harwood heard the news in wireless as he paced the bridge of the cruiser Ajax, waiting off Montevideo for the German pocket battleship to come out and fight again.

His brightness is the first of this war. He becomes a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath. Captains W. E. Parry (H.M.S. Achilles), C. H. L. Woodhouse (H.M.S. Ajax) and P. S. Bell (H.M.S. Exeter) are made companions of the same order.

Congratulations descended in a shower on Miss Joan Harwood, wife of the new rear-admiral.

To every message she returned the same reply: "There is only one message I have, and it is this: 'I am very proud that the King has honoured my husband.'"

Mrs. Harwood was Miss Joan Chard before her marriage in 1924. She said she was sure her husband would not approve the publicity which had attended his feat.

"He would put it that he was only doing his duty," she said, and added: "I only hope that the rest of the engagement with the Graf Spee will turn out as well."

There is another son besides Cyprinus. He is Stephen, aged seven. Both boys have made up their minds to follow father's footsteps in the Navy.

THAT'S ALL

MIR. A. C. SARRE gives public notice to people who have been illegally picking tomatoes at Deloraine, St. Saviour, Jersey, that he will be shooting rabbits there every night from now on. That's all.

TRAGIC LOSS OF THREE BRITISH SUBMARINES

FROM PAGE ONE
The three vessels cost approximately £225,000 each.

The only other British submarine lost during this war was H.M.S. Oxy, formerly of the Australian Navy, which blew up.

Nazis Claim To Have Destroyed Two
LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that during the past week three British submarines did not return to their bases, nor have they reported.

They were the Seahorse, Undine and Starfish.

All the three submarines, says the Admiralty, were "engaged on particularly hazardous service."

The loss of two of the mentioned submarines is referred to in a German High Command communiqué, which says that they were destroyed by "German defence measures" in Heligoland Light and that part of the crew were saved.

These are the first British submarines to have been sunk by enemy action during the present war.

Big Loss Of Life Likely
LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The three British submarines, whose loss was announced to-day, carried a total of over 600 men.

The Starfish and Seahorse each had a complement of 40 and the Undine had 27.

Fire Follows Breakdown

Exciting Adventure For British Ship
PANAMA, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—One of Britain's latest freighters, Merchant Prince (5,265 tons) was towed into Bilboa by the British steamer, California Star, after she had mysteriously broken down 800 miles out at sea.

While the vessel was drifting hopelessly as the result of the breakdown a fire suddenly broke out among the wood stored on deck.

The fire was extinguished after five hours.

The British Consul General at Bilboa is conducting investigations. The Captain of the Merchant Prince commends the conduct of the crew.

Siegfried Line Soliloquy

Why must I stand in this death-swept trench, Fear... and noise... and horror... and stench. My spirit and soul exhausted? Why must I face the suffering, the fright. My father faced in the Kaiser's fight. Until he fell exhausted? WHY? My Fuehrer, my leader, has ordered it so, Mine but to do, to die; just to know HIS PATIENCE IS EXHAUSTED.

LUMBERMEN LOVE OUR JAM, HATE OUR DAMP COLD

Lumberland.
BIG, blue-eyed Peter, handsome, like a great boy who had never grown up, sat down on a log to-day sharpening a bow saw as he told me his ideas about England, says a correspondent.

HAZARDS OF WINTER FLYING

How R.A.F. Combats Natural Enemy
The difficulties of winter flying round the coasts of the British Isles are exemplified by the following account of a patrol by a Royal Air Force Coastal Command aircraft.

Two junior officers at a station in the far North were detailed for a reconnaissance flight, one to pilot, the other to navigate. They were up before dawn and were driven to the aircraft through sleet and a driving wind. Their lorry became bogged in the mud, but they pushed it out and went on.

Joined by a wireless operator, they climbed into their aircraft and took off in the grey light against the gale. Out at sea weather conditions were worse. The aircraft was alternately pushed up from below, like a ping pong ball on a fountain and forced downwards so suddenly that the navigator would rise from his seat into the air, hang poised for a moment, and then drop back with a crash.

His instruments on the table before him were leaping up as if they were the subjects of levitation. The pilot was held in his seat only by his safety strap, but he was sometimes jerked against it so violently that he was almost "windmilled." The wireless operator was also suffering from the further handicap of air sickness.

One enormous gust threw the aircraft almost on its back. Salt from the white foam rising from the sea was whipped 1000 ft into the air, and crusted the windows of the aircraft until it was difficult to see through them.

The fierceness of the gale can be estimated by the fact that on the first "leg" of the patrol, against the wind, the aircraft made a ground speed of only 60 knots. But on the last part, with the wind, the aircraft came home at more than 200 knots.

Such flights are the daily duty of Coastal Command. In spite of wind, sleet and snow, the aircraft of this Command must patrol the seas around our shores and far out over the North Sea and Atlantic, to guard British and Neutral shipping from submarines and mines. Flights have recently been carried out hundreds of miles from land in winds of gale force.

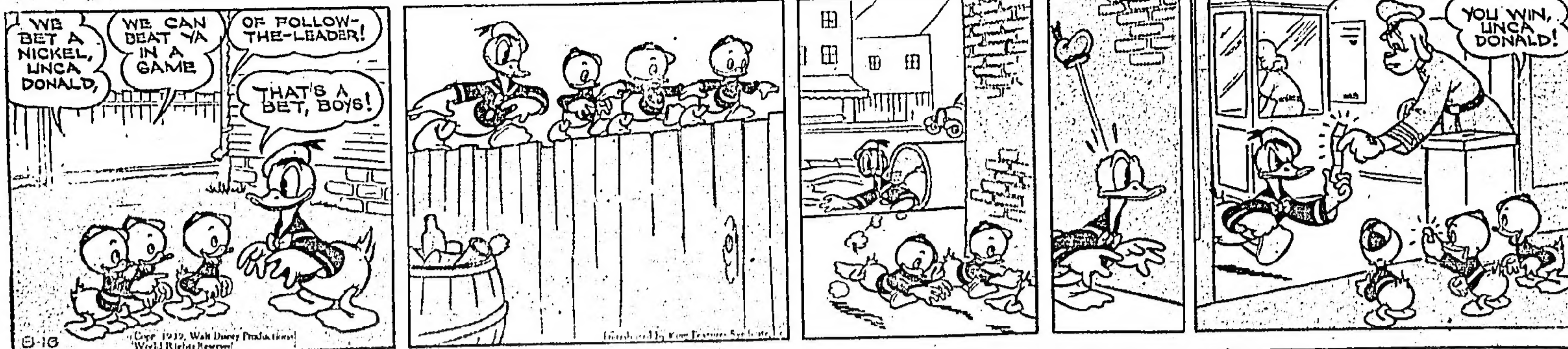
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Edgar Wallace Suspect

A BAN on British popular novels, which normally have a big circulation in Germany, is foreshadowed in the "Essener Zeitung," Goering's mouthpiece.

British propaganda is inserted in such a subtle way that it poisons the minds of Germans," the paper declares. "An end must be put to British anti-German propaganda by means of apparently harmless novels."

Flax Is Ulster's "Secret Weapon"

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CURSES KEEP THEM AWAKE

"Stone walls do not a prison make
Nor iron bars a cage..."

SO wrote Colonel Lovelace, and Exeter agrees heartily with his sentiments.

Prisoners in the city's jail are telling householders in adjoining roads all about their grievances. Their shouting and foul language have made sleep impossible during the night. The residents have had enough. They say that their nerves are on edge, and that something must be done about it. They have decided to petition the prison authorities. Leaders of the jail uproar are men transferred to Exeter from Wandsworth since the outbreak of the war. Accustomed to certain privileges applicable in long-term prisons, they object to the lack of these facilities.

A warning that trouble which had developed in a number of prisons "will become serious as time goes on" was given by Mr. W. J. Brown, general secretary of the Civil Service Clerical Association. Speaking for the Prison Officers' Association, he said incidents at Exeter were not exaggerated, as was claimed by the Home Office. "Some two months ago," he added, "I warned the prison authorities that trouble was going to develop in a number of prisons. The trouble is that the Home Office has tried to cater for prison reform by worsening the conditions of the prison officers."

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B.E.F. MACHINE-GUN UNITS IN FRANCE

By DOUGLAS WILLIAMS

"Daily Telegraph" War Correspondent

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE.

Since the adoption of the Bren gun as an infantry arm, machine-gun battalions are comparatively scarce in the British Army, but I found one to-day snuggled in billets behind the positions they have been digging.

Every day a working party goes forward to complete the strong points under construction which, in the event of emergency, the battalion will occupy with their guns. The men, most of them Londoners, live in one of the best billets I have seen here in two months of visiting the British positions. A large park holds a number of pavilions, and in these company officers, sergeants, and other officers' messes have been installed.

Drills and exercises go on all day on adjoining grass plots, where N.C.O.'s and newly-joined officers, without distinction of rank, receive instruction from specially-trained sergeant-majors in the handling of the Vickers guns with which the battalion is equipped. Disciplina and good spirits are alike excellent. Cheery smiles and busy work go happily together, and long experience in different parts of the Empire has knit the regiment together in cordial comradeship between officers and men.

In the sleeping quarters that I visited beds were neatly made up with straw mattress tied inside a pallasse bought locally. I was told, for only 1s. 4d. The wooden floor had been scrubbed scrupulously clean and the walls duly white-washed.

In the canteen local beer of excellent quality was obtainable in unusually large bottles at about 4d., while cigarettes, chocolate, biscuits and other delicacies were being sold at cost price. Hot tea was available every day in the morning and afternoon, and at night hot dogs in crisp rolls could be purchased. Business was brisk, and daily takings of £20 to £25 were, I was told, not uncommon.

The regiment possesses an unusually fine football team, which recently defeated the local French team by the remarkable score of 10 goals to 2, while the officers have discovered an abandoned golf course where, despite overgrown fairways and uncut greens, they are able to get a good game on Saturday afternoon.

In one hall, formerly a cabaret, decorated with large wall paintings of Old King Cole, a stage has been erected consisting of a stout plank platform raised on large beer barrels, and here every week concerts and sing-songs are held. As I was leaving a staff car drove up and my escorting officer hurried off to meet it. "Probably someone else, hoping to pinch our billet," he muttered as he went off. "I always thought it was too good to last."

FATHER WON'T LET HIM HAVE A MASK

A BOY living at Eastwood, Renfrewshire, is sent back from school every day because he hasn't got a gas mask. His father, a conscientious objector, won't let him have one. Renfrewshire Education Committee discussed the boy—and when a member asked how many at the meeting had brought their gas masks there was silence.

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY STRANGE FOODS FOR SOLDIERS

The German occupation has so denuded Western Poland that even the commonest articles cannot be bought in the shops. Nazi humorists, with nothing to laugh about on the home front, make merry over the plight of the Poles.

The "Koelnischer Zeitung" tells gleefully how a peasant near Cracow tried to enlist the help of a Nazi soldier in buying some leather to repair his wife's shoes. The peasant stopped the soldier in the street and, unable to speak German, presented his plea in writing.

The newspaper quotes this pathetic note, full of grammatical errors, in which the writer declared his admiration for the German "liberators" and ended with the request, "So will you please go with me to shop and help me buy some leather to mend my wife's shoes."

"Of course," adds the report, "the German soldier quickly sent the peasant packing, but he got huge enjoyment out of the letter. It was written, no doubt, by a Jew, who got money out of the peasant for doing it."

Punch and Propaganda

Topical Punch and Judy shows for the troops and the Hitler Youth have made their appearance on the propaganda front. A week-end broadcast performance introduced an unfamiliar puppet—"the lie-bird, who screeches as loud as Mr. Churchill." The Nazi Punch, a heavy-footed humorist, announced that Germany had a new weapon which the Allies could not use.

"What?" asked the lie-bird eagerly. "It is a lie," replied the truth-teller. "Collapse of bird." Propaganda which touches troubles nearer home may be expected from two other marionettes who made their debut in the same performance. These were Mr. Grumbler and Auntie, a lady who tries to get food without a ration card.

Citric Acid and Salt Beverages

Campaigning in all climes is evidently foreseen by the German commissariat, which issues a list of special food and drink being prepared for the troops. Among these are: Penicillin sausage based on the experience of Polar explorers; A drink prepared largely from citric acid and cooking salt—"an excellent specific against sunstroke and fatigue"; White-meat—"as good as beef"; Cheese-powder, which is mixed with water to make Dutch cheese; and Dried potatoes and cabbage in packets the size of half-a-brick.

These last, it is said, are scarcely distinguishable from fresh vegetables and are just as nourishing. None of the dishes is to be compared with the artificial foods which were so unpopular with the troops in the last war.

Theatres Short of Costumes

The greatest treasures of the German theatre are being dissipated by the impossibility of obtaining material for staging and dressing new plays. Every theatre has a valuable store of costumes and scenery, built up during many years of repertory. Now the shortage of material is forcing managers to cut up and re-use model irreplaceable dresses and sets.

London Men Held By Bandit

JAMES SHERIFF, 40-years-old car dealer, told Cardiff Bankruptcy Court to-day that he and a friend had been held captive by gunmen in a London flat and robbed of £1,800, which they had paid for a secret powder to turn water into wine and petrol.

Sheriff, whose address was given as Colum-road, Cardiff, had liabilities of £434 and assets of £16. In his preliminary statement he said that about eight years ago he was asked by a friend, Mr. Garcia, who was a wine merchant and garage proprietor, to investigate a process to turn water into cheap wine and petrol.

The process, carried out by means of a secret powder, was known only to a Doctor Martine.

Trial Run

Sheriff asked for a demonstration and at the doctor's request got a petrol tin and filled it with water. The doctor then gave him a slip of paper to get a powder from a chemist. He did so and tipped the powder into the tin.

They went for a drive in Sheriff's car, and in the country the tank was drained and the contents of the tin poured in. "To my amazement," said Sheriff, "the car fired as usual, and we continued on our journey. I felt this could not be true, and asked for another demonstration."

"As a result of the second test I became fully convinced that water could be turned into petrol." A test of turning water into wine was also carried out in the presence and to the satisfaction of Mr. Garcia.

Borrowed £600

The doctor, Sheriff continued, wanted £2,000 for the formula, but eventually it was agreed that Garcia should find £1,200, and he provide £600.

He borrowed the money from a firm of solicitors, and accompanied by Garcia, he went to a flat in Paddington with the money in dollar notes.

Before discussing the formula the doctor said he wanted the money. It was handed to him and he gave another demonstration—washing the print off one dollar bill and making it into one for 500 dollars.

Then the door suddenly opened and two men with revolvers walked in. "We were cornered," said Sheriff, "and we offered no resistance. We were kept prisoners in the flat for a day and a night, and when we left we immediately went to Scotland Yard. When we returned with detectives the man had gone. The man in the flat spoke in a foreign language."

Answering Mr. Reginald Betts, the Official Receiver, Sheriff said: "We were not exactly prisoners in the flat, but we were told to keep quiet."

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6.13 Light Symphony Orchestra—Homage March (Haydn Wood), Concert Waltz—Joyousness (Haydn Wood), Mon Hoy (Waldteufel), Bul Masque (Fletcher).

6.30 Closing stock quotations. 6.32 Harold (Ca. cest Parin) and the London Palladium Orchestra—The Merry-Go-Round, When the Harvest's In, Harold Williams; Bells Across The Meadow, The Phantom Melody, London Palladium Orchestra; In An Old Fashioned Town, If Might Come To You, Harold Williams; The Fiddling Things Selection, London Palladium Orchestra.

7.00 Dance Music by Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra with Young Maurice on Two-Pianos—Did I Remember? A Star Fell Out of Heaven, Maurice Winnick; Rumbas On Toast (La Cucuracha; Mama Inez; The Carole; Siboney); Arthur Young and Reginald Foresythe; You, A Pretty Girl Like You, Maurice Winnick; More Rumbas On Toast (Tony's Wife; Side walks of Cuba; Green eyes; When Yuba plays the Rumba on the Tuba); Arthur Young and Reginald Foresythe; Some Other Time, On Treasure Island, Take My Heart, Maurice Winnick.

7.30 London Relay—The News. 8.00 Time signal, weather report, announcements.

8.03 Piano Solos—Prelude In G Minor, Op. 23, No. 5 (Rachmaninoff), Mischeva Levitzki; Prelude In B Flat (Rachmaninoff), Polshinelle (Rachmaninoff), Left Polshinelle.

8.15 Rachmaninoff Symphony No. 2 in E Minor, Op. 27—Eugene Ormandy and the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. 9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events. 9.15 London Relay—News Summary. 9.30 An Hour of the Latest Dance Music—Thea Something Wrong With The Weather, Billy Cotton; In The Middle of A Dream, Love Never Grows Old, Victor Silvester; Lady, Play Your Mandolin, Havana Novelty Orchestra; I Never Knew Heaven Could Speak, There's Danger in The Waltz, Victor Silvester; The Daughter of Madame X, Harry Roy; Boom, I Got Along With-out You Very Well, Jay Wilbur, Beer Barrel Polka, Harry Roy; Roses Are Blooming In Loveland, The Organ. The Dance Band and Mel-Tears From My Inkwell, You Grow Sweeter As The Years Go By, Jay Wilbur; Summer evening in Santa Cruz, The Moon remembered but you forgot, Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody; Merry and Bright, Keep Young; George Boulanger; F. D. R. Jones; Stairway To The Stars, Carroll Gibbons.

10.30 Selections from "H.M.S. Pinafire" (Sullivan), Coldstream Guards; "Monsieur Beaucaire" Vocal Gems (Messenger), Light Opera Company; "Little Time" (Harcourt), Organ Solo by Harry Davidson; "The Miracle" Selection (Humperdick), London Symphony Orchestra. 11.00 London Relay—Phillips Baker on "Matters of Moment." 11.15 Close Down.

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Shipping Meets a Threat

Will destruction of merchant ships in the present war exceed the ability of world shipyards to make good the losses, particularly if the German thrust with submarines, mines, and raiders is sharpened?

During the Great War, German action accounted for the loss of 6,600 vessels, totalling some 12,800,000 tons, or about 25 per cent of the tonnage on hand prior to hostilities. The convoy system which cut British losses in the former conflict to about 5 per cent of the ships conveyed, can be counted on to-day to reduce losses sharply, unless new weapons appear.

The shipyards of the world are launching an estimated 200,000 tons of vessels a month, an amount almost equal to sinkings.

Even assuming intensified submarine activity and greater sinkings by mines which might jump destruction by 50 per cent, new construction is being accelerated to meet the threat. The British Government is giving assistance to shipping concerns in an unprecedented speed-up programme begun last spring. France has a million tons more of ships than in 1914 and is hastening launchings.

Neutrals have doubled, and United States quadrupled, the 1914 tonnage. Unless building is checked by effective air attacks or other means the shipping industry, it would appear, can be counted on to more than counterbalance sinkings with new launchings. It did so in 1914-18 and it is vastly more efficient now.

A Cheering Estimate

The quieter the Front the more active the political speculator. The air is alive with rumours of startling things that are about to happen, and especially in the internal affairs of Germany, but it is not incumbent upon anyone to give those stories full credence.

It is refreshing to turn to what an experienced and cool-headed Japanese Admiral has to say about the European situation—especially when his estimate hangs heavily on the side of the Allies.

Admiral Nakamura reminds us of the unpleasant fact that before the war Great Britain's potential enemies were Japan in the Pacific, Italy in the Mediterranean, and Germany in the North Sea, with Spain able to provide bases for the Axis Powers. But what at first came as a severe shock to the British people turned out to be one of the most fortunate things that could



THE FUEHRER: "What's going to happen if he stops dancing?"

Hunting The U-Boat

by Captain FRANK H. SHAW

How is it done? How does the U-Boat commander spot his prey? What does he see by means of the periscope? How can he tell whether a destroyer lurks behind the tramp? What happens to Hitler's floating oil depots? Captain Frank H. Shaw, the well-known naval writer, who has himself helped to hunt U-Boats, tells the full story here.

mains, totally submerged, even with his periscope below the surface, and lies low. As I said, another chance will offer.

WITH his own engines stopped, even his dynamos closed down, there is little for a hunter searching for U-boats to work upon. But the experience gained in the last war, coupled with twenty years of peacetime experimenting, has taught our naval craftsmen a device of a lot!

How much we have learnt is evident from the statement by the Prime Minister as to the possible number of enemy craft attacked and destroyed. This is obviously an understatement. One reason for this is that the Admiralty require more evidence than the mere record of a smear of oil on the surface following an attack on a submarine, before admitting a successful action.

In the last war the commonest ruse adopted by the enemy was, on being even remotely attacked, to discharge oil from a vent, to give the impression of a mortal injury, thus causing the attacking sloop, destroyer or trawler to break off the fight on the assumption that only a cracked submarine could leak oil.

We submarine-hunters of the 1914-18 years had to bring incontrovertible proof of a submarine's destruction before earning any credit. If there were no human survivors, a cap ribbon, a fragment of unmistakable debris or a reliable photograph had to be produced. So that, if there is actual proof that a number of U-boats have been dealt with so far, the safe assumption is that more than that

number have been wounded—and a submarine's wound is often mortal.

Long before September 3, Hitler's U-boats were dispatched to their war stations. Depot ships for refuelling and restoring them were posted at strategic points.

One of the first steps taken by the Royal Navy has been to root out these depot ships—old tankers bought wholesale by Hitler in anticipation of this situation. Since the depot ships are surface craft, and since we retain surface command of the seas, their destruction is inevitable in time. But such destruction is not advertised—oh, no! Perhaps when they are put down, one of our armed vessels may take post in place of its victim—so that the U-boat, denuded of fuel and supplies, blunders into a trap.

Or, perhaps the Nazi, being suspicious, may try to carry on without fuel and stores, and die of starvation. The losses of U-boats are not always listed, one reason being that it is impossible to keep track of undersea craft which meet with this dismal fate—of simply vanishing.

It is disclosing no secret to say that the most effective weapon against a submarine is a depth-charge. Such a bomb, of 300lb. weight of TNT, exploding under water, disperses anything within a considerable radius.

If it doesn't crack the Nazi's hide it jolts him into tight, when guns can puncture him so satisfactorily that his escape is an impossibility, for a punctured U-boat cannot dive; it

must make off on the surface—and its speed is not sufficient to allow it to elude the chasers that are instantly hot on its trail.

WHEN the U.S. joined forces with us in the last war they devised what they called the Splitter Fleet—a large number of speedy small craft, each carrying a dozen depth charges and a gun. These little ships hunted in packs; and when their hydrophones detected the presence of a submarine they ran a ring round it, sprinkling depth charges, and their commanding officer put it "like confetti at a wedding." Their success was considerable.

We have small craft, faster, more powerful than the Splitter Fleet; and these waspish ships are capable of gutting, down such a barge as will finish any U-boat, if within its radius of action.

Many cases are cited in the last war of merchantmen defeating a U-boat at its own game by dodging and the wise use of engines; and the Red Ensign crowd leapt quickly. The Nazi may forget that he is not attacking sheep any more—merchantmen have been taught how to elude him, if no armed vessel is available to spitfire him completely.

THERE'S a regular armada of anti-submarine craft very much at war with Fritz. In the last war we used U-boats to destroy the U-boat to its doom—but once their secret was disclosed their utility vanished. Instead we have the "planes of the R.A.F. and the Fleet Air Arm. These are a weapon not much used in '14-18. The aeroplane to-day is a fine weapon against submarines. There was nothing wrong with the recent rescue of a torpedoed crew by two seaplanes—and if that SOS had been delivered a little earlier the Nazi must inevitably have perished.

Weighing up the facts, I would far rather be the captain of an unarmed merchantman than of a U-boat—any day.

Doctor of the Old School

OUR doctor is by way of being a "character." He is a large, untidy-looking man, who seldom needs to carry the traditional black bag because of the capacious pockets which he favours in his old top-coat. These are always bulging with medicine bottles, boxes of pills, strange instruments, and a supply of "black boots," which the doctor sucks with great enjoyment as he goes on his rounds.

"The doctor," as everybody calls him, has no desire to career about the countryside in a motor car, which, in any case, would help him little, since many of his patients live in outlying cottages whose only approach is by a hillside path. Instead he sticks to his old bicycle, which has been rightly named Methuselah by the villagers, and which can be heard long before it is in sight.

We are used to a vision of the doctor, a stethoscope protruding from his pocket and a "black boot" bulging in his check, speeding down the village street, with terrified hens fluttering out of the way of Methuselah's ancient wheels.

Fortunately he has a sense of humour, which stands him in good stead when he is called out to some patient whose ailments are entirely imaginary, and he has many pawky tales to tell of his experiences.

arrived at the hillside cottage and began to make his examination, the old miser interrupted him with—"Now, see here, doctor, afore ye gang on, faurer, let me tell ye this. Can ye think he's no' worth repairin', dinna pit out muckle expense on him."

On another occasion he was called to a cottage which resembled a "midden" in its untidiness, to examine a small boy who was ailing. "I hope there's no muckle wrang wi'oor Tam," said the slatternly mother, anxiously.

"No, nothing much," said the doctor gravely. "I think some soap and water would do him as much good as anything."

"Mesty me," said she in a relieved voice. "That's cheap medicine. Will I gie it to him afore or efter meals, doctor?"

On almost every cottage window-sill, beside the inevitable geranium plant, ripens a bottle of the doctor's medicine. The contents are humdrum enough. "It's the psychology, that counts," says the old doctor with a chuckle. He knows only too well that the goodwives are never so happy as when discussing their complaints; and a bottle from the doctor is thought to be a certain cure for all ailments. Indeed, should he prescribe anything else, his patients are most indignant and refuse to pronounce themselves cured until he has presented them with a bottle of highly-coloured liquid.

The doctor is a great favourite among the children who, far from

dreading his visits, look forward to his arrival with great delight. Their aches and pains are forgotten once the old man is by their bedside, spinning long, impossible yarns for their benefit, and promising them a ride on Methuselah as soon as they are well enough to get up. This is a never-failing tonic, for every love to trundle up the village street with the doctor holding them firmly on his bicycle.

In winter the doctor's task is often a very hard one. He has to tramp many miles up snow-clad braes to reach his outlying patients and to minister to their needs, real or imaginary.

"Oh, doctor, what's the matter wi' ma tongue?" asked an anxious wife who was in the habit of "clashing" with her neighbours.

"Nothing much," he replied, nothing. "It's just needing a rest."

The doctor is a keen botanist, and spends his free hours studying plants of all descriptions. This hobby of his amazes the villagers and is a great source of annoyance to old Mrs. Tosh, who suffers from the "palms" and who is always calling him in at unlikely hours. One day when he arrived rather late to visit her, she greeted him with, "Hi'm," so ye've condescended to come at last. It's a pity, I handna been a pukka doctor an' ye wad ha' been here first thing in the mornin'."

The doctor lives in a big house as untidy as himself, and is looked after

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OVERNIGHT
NEWS PAGEBritish
Offer Of
Assistance

London, Jan. 16. Well-informed Scandinavian sources say both Sweden and Norway have received British written offers of assistance in the event of Soviet aggression.—United Press.

Other Neutrals Included

Paris, Jan. 16. The Foreign Office, warned of possible simultaneous action by Germany and Russia in Western Europe, has promised formidable support by Britain and France to any neutral country attacked by the Germans.

It is stated that increased German military preparations are under way in the Netherlands frontier. There are indications that German motorized units have arrived in south-eastern Poland, particularly Lwow and Strel, apparently for concerted Russo-German action.—United Press.

London Opinion

London, Jan. 16. "It is difficult to attribute the anxiety in Holland and Belgium to any single incident," writes the Times military correspondent. "It has arisen rather out of an accumulation of evidence pointing to the possibility, though by no means certain, that Germany entertains hostile intentions against them."

"It can be said with confidence," the Times continues, "that both countries are better prepared than they were last November, but their view appears to be that the future depends on factors outside and more important than their own defensive measures."

"Germany has made some errors since last summer, of which the biggest was the belief that Britain and France would not fight for Poland and would resign themselves to the acceptance of a fait accompli once Poland was overrun. If she now understands the notion that the Allies will hesitate to initiate bombing attacks against her communications, in the event of a move against Belgium and Holland she might be disposed to try her fortune there. Otherwise it is considered that she is likely to do so only if in a mood of desperation because, rightly or wrongly, close observers believe, she desires to put off competition in bombing as long as possible."—Reuter.

British
Submarines
Said Lost

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Three Losses Admitted

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The German communiqué states that two of these vessels, the Undine and Surf, were sunk in a naval engagement in the Heligoland Bight, some of the crews being rescued.—Reuter.

Nazi U-Boat Attacked

Paris, Jan. 16. It is revealed that a U-boat was either destroyed or disabled by the navy's surface fleet when it was attacked by a French warship as it was about to dive.—Reuter.

LETTERS

Shumchun Vegetables
To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir—The production of garden vegetables at the refugee farm has reached a point where supplies are being brought to the city daily. Our list includes tomatoes, carrots, beet and lettuce, all of which are specially grown for eating, only sanitary fertilizer being used. Brussels sprouts and broccoli are also available and they are entirely new crops for Hongkong.

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EMILY KO,
Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Hore-Belisha Explains to Commons

NO CONFLICT OF VIEWS WITH
GOVERNMENT COLLEAGUESMany Homeless,
Two Dead

TOKYO, Jan. 16 (UP).—The fire which swept over a large section of Shizuoka, 120 miles west of Tokyo, yesterday afternoon until 2 a.m., destroyed 2,000 buildings and 40,000 people are homeless. It is reported that two were killed and eight injured. The fire brigades and troops joined in the effort to put out the blaze. One-third of the city is in ruins. Relief headquarters have been established and the authorities have taken measures for the care of the homeless.

PREMIER REVIEWS
THE HOME FRONT

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"While there are as yet no definite indications that might warrant any optimistic forecast of a peaceful settlement in the near future, we have welcomed the recent action by the Japanese Government in the direction of relaxing some of the restrictions which from time to time, have caused difficulty and tension in the relations with third Powers."

Mr. Chamberlain then stated that the special forces raised in Australia and New Zealand for overseas would shortly take their places where they were most needed.

He concluded: "At the moment there is a lull in the operations of the war, but at any time within a few weeks, or even a few hours, the lull may sharply be broken by events which will reshape the history of the world."

Mr. Attlee's Speech

Mr. Clement R. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition, who followed Mr. Chamberlain, said that it would be dangerous to deny that during his period at the War Office Mr. Hore-Belisha had effected some notable reforms.

On the other hand, it was ridiculous, as he had been alleged in some organs of the popular Press, that he did them alone.

There undoubtedly had been among soldiers the realisation of the need for moving with the times, and in these reforms he was sure Mr. Hore-Belisha had the active co-operation of many distinguished soldiers.

Mr. Hore-Belisha had rather hinted that his resignation was due to his reforms on the lines of demoralisation being unpalatable in certain quarters, and it was right that they should have an explicit denial from the Government that there was any intention of changing the progress of demoralisation of the army.

War Cabinet Criticised

The Labour Opposition were not happy regarding the change of Mr. Oliver Stanley from the Board of Trade. They might acquire a very strong man at the War Office, but they hoped that Mr. Stanley could carry on the line of reforms, and make changes in the organisation of the War Office.

The public were surprised at this change because there were other changes which they would have welcomed.

The War Cabinet was on the wrong basis and should not be composed of busy departmental ministers, he concluded.

Stinting Praise

Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Liberal Leader, said that the Opposition Liberals had been critics of Mr. Hore-Belisha, but now that he had resigned it was only fair to acknowledge the achievements which he had stood to his time it was a great mistake to suppose that he was and remained the sole champion of these reforms.

They did not spring from Mr. Hore-Belisha's mind and will not be represented by the will of the people of this country expressed in Parliament of which Mr. Hore-Belisha was the instrument.

"I Deny It Absolutely"

LONDON, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—In the course of the debate in the House of Commons following Mr. Chamberlain's statement, Col. J. C. Wedgwood pressed Mr. Chamberlain to reply to the suggestions that Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation was due to prejudices against his being a Jew.

The Prime Minister said that he hardly thought that statement worth denying, but "I deny it absolutely."

ROYAL FAMILY
IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Their Majesties the King and Queen, with the two Princesses, returned to London from Sandringham, where they have been staying since just before Christmas.

The King held a Privy Council at Buckingham Palace, and handed Mr. Oliver Stanley his seal of office as Secretary for War.

Sir John Reith, the new Minister of Information, was sworn in and both were later received by the King in audience.

Prime Minister Says No
Change in Army Policy

London, Jan. 17.

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha in a tense House and amid some Opposition cheers, rose to make his personal statement on his resignation from his post of Minister of War in the Chamberlain Cabinet and began by declaring he did not select his collaborators because they were complacent or acquiescent.

It was not a dull or stagnant Administration, and "if there have been differences of opinion, of outlook, of temperament or of understanding, these have been no deeper than must occur."

Dealing with his work, Mr. Hore-Belisha said it did not occur to him we were making the Army too democratic to fight for democracy.

"There has been, so far as I know, no conflict in view of policy with any of my Government colleagues upon any point concerning my department or otherwise."

"I declined the Board of Trade post because I could not feel the assurance of that consideration which persuaded the Prime Minister to make a change which would allow of my energetic discharge in the national interest of another office."

Mr. Hore-Belisha said he would have preferred at this stage to have left the Government upon the published correspondence and upon the message which he gave his constituents, namely that he had no thought but that of winning the war.

Full Agreement

"For two and a half years, busy and urgent years, full of activity and rapid changes, I have held high office as Secretary of State for War. The re-organisation and development of the army during this period has been carried out with a degree of agreement that offers a remarkable contrast to the stormy history of most reforms. I would not wish to have a recollection that that endeavour was marred by any atmosphere of bitterness or controversy."

"I selected the strongest men I could find and I respected them most when they were most outspoken in Council."

"If from time to time there have been differences of opinion, if there have been differences in outlook or temperament or of understanding, they were no deeper than occur in any association of men bent on pressing tasks of more than a transitory nature."

"Our achievement has been the result of our common endeavour. Particularly is this so in regard to what has been called the demoralisation of the army. This year there may be as many as three million men under arms, and I have always thought of it as ideal that the army should be part of the nation and not apart from the nation, that it should be a career on which every young man could enter with the knowledge that he could rise by his character and ability regardless of his status or his means."

"I had hoped that in some way we might thus gradually bind all members of the nation more closely in a mutual understanding. At any rate, I worked for that, and those who were associated with me worked with me."

Not Too Democratic

"It did not occur to me to consider that we were making the army too democratic to fight for Democracy." (Cheers)

"I hope it has been realised that the Secretary of State cannot divide himself, as Mr. Chamberlain did, between the War Office and the Board of Trade for all matters, both great and small, concerning the army, and that is so whether the questions be of the provision of defences, of the adequacy or safety of their construction, or the well-being of the soldier and the conditions of his service and the matter of his equipment."

"There has been, so far as I know, no conflict of view or policy with any of my colleagues in the Government upon any point concerning my department or otherwise."

Stock Exchange
Trading Quiet

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange (although trading was quiet, all-day securities traded in the early dealings and maintained their improvement.

Kaffirs were very steady, but other groups were, inactive owing to the absence of the reassembly of Parliament.

Wall Street was firm.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The Senate has confirmed the President's nomination of Mr. Frank Murphy, the Attorney General, to the Supreme Court, and Mr. Robert Jackson as Attorney General in his place.

The Prime Minister, referring to the unfounded rumours, said there had been no change in the army policy as was to be anticipated in consequence of the change in the Secretary of War. Mr. Chamberlain added that there had been no difference between the so-called "brass hats" and Mr. Hore-Belisha over army promotion.

No Army Pressure

Mr. Chamberlain declared it was pure invention to suggest there had been any army pressure on the Prime Minister to displace Mr. Hore-Belisha, and that the Prime Minister had been faced with displacing Mr. Hore-Belisha or receiving the resignation of high military and army officers. Emphasising his prerogative in Cabinet appointments, Mr. Chamberlain said he did not propose to give detailed reasons for Mr. Hore-Belisha's replacement.

"I had become aware of difficulties arising out of the very great qualities of Mr. Hore-Belisha which in my view made it desirable a change should occur," said Mr. Chamberlain. "I was anxious to review the war, Mr. Chamberlain said export licences are being granted for war materials needed by Finland, and the amounts involved were substantial."

"During the last few weeks we have been horrified by the calculated brutality involved in enemy air attacks on unarmed and unscouted trawlers," he said.—Reuter.

Hands in Seals

London, Jan. 16. Mr. Hore-Belisha handed in his seals of office to-day.

He and Mr. Oliver Stanley, his successor in the Cabinet, were received by the King.—Reuter.

A Look Through
The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

The Journal "El Imparcial" of Madrid publishes a telegram from Barcelona stating that the authorities in that city have discovered some for the Philippine Islands, tending to loosen the bonds of union between that colony and the mother country.

A Japanese paper gives additional details of the plot to assassinate the King of Korea. It appears that the king was to be killed by the means of the people in the peninsula kingdom that the regime of the present dynasty is drawing to a close.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 17, 1915. Reuter's correspondent at Rome reports that the King, who has visited the earthquake zone in his time, declares that this surpasses even Messina, as only 3 per cent. of the population of Avezzano are alive while at Messina there were 30 per cent. The violence was unprecedented.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 17, 1930. Britain's suggestion that battleships be treated like submarines and abolished has somewhat surprised the United States, and it is believed that in view of the attitude of Japan and the United States who favour retaining battleships, the suggestion is being rejected. The proposal of Britain and the United States to abolish submarines.

A grant national stock-taking on the advantages and disadvantages of Prohibition was carried out to-day, the tenth anniversary of "Dry America." Debates on the subject were heard in the House of Representatives and the Senate, and both concluded with resolutions in favour of the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment being referred to committees.

The New York "Lander" remarks that the anniversary is being celebrated with the most genuine enthusiasm and gratitude in 36,000 New York speakeasies, where a small whisky and soda is being retailed at a dollar instead of ten cents as in former days. Chief Prohibition Commissioner Dornan has issued a statement: "The big bootleggers are heavily eliminated. The small ones are being rounded up."

Admiral Chan Chak, Commander-in-Chief of the Kwangtung Fleet, has landed on Hainan Island and occupied Hailow without opposition.

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 17, 1935. The Secretary for the Navy, Mr. Claude Swanson, declares that the United States has no immediate plan for fleet construction. The plan of modernisation beyond completing the twenty-sixth fleet.

The new 16,000 toner Polaris, after ship to the Admiralty recently launched in Berlin in the presence of Herr Hitler, will be ready for the Far East service of the Hamburg-Amerika Line next summer. She was launched at Ham-

Turks Prepare
For Emergency

ANKARA, Jan. 16 (Reuter Bulletin).—A Bill giving the Turkish Government further powers in extraordinary circumstances will be introduced in the National Assembly to-day.

The extraordinary circumstances are reported to be general mobilisation, the possibility of Turkey being involved in war, and the situation in Turkey while other nations are involved in war.

The Bill is expected to pass the Assembly before it adjourns tomorrow.

WANG'S
APPEAL
Peace Terms Sent
To Generalissimo

Shanghai, Jan. 16. Mr. Wang Ching-wei has cabled Marshal Chiang Kai-shek offering peace terms on the basis of Prince Konoye's declaration, and pointing out that if Chiang is willing, Mr. Wang and his colleagues will go to Chungking for negotiations, but if Marshal Chiang continued unreasonable opposition, when all the Chinese people wanted peace, Mr. Wang will be forced to negotiate with the Japanese for peace on the part of China and the Japanese to deal with Marshal Chiang.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei emphasised in his message that conditions in the interior of China gave China on hope of victory.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei placed responsibility for the stationing of Japanese troops in China on Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. He stated that Japan will discuss evacuation if armed resistance ceases.—United Press.

Terms Arranged

Shanghai, Jan. 16. "The foundation for peace has been laid in China, which will secure terms which will not only lead to national extension but will preserve her independence and freedom and enable the reconstruction of the nation on the basis of the Three Principles to be completed," states Mr. Wang Ching-wei to-day in his telegram to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek urging him to co-operate in a united national peace front.

"We have had many frank and open-minded discussions with the Japanese leaders, both in the Government and outside, with a view to arriving at an agreed scheme for peace," Mr. Wang continues. "Both sides have been willing to make concessions, and so we arrived at a mutual understanding."

"At present there is decidedly no hope of achievement of ultimate victory through a policy of fighting to the bitter end. It is necessary that the whole nation be united in order that peace may be speedily achieved."

"In regard to the evacuation of Japanese troops, the Chinese people hope this can be achieved as early as possible, and the Japanese wish to retain troops outside their own territory longer than can be helped."

"If you continue to advocate armed resistance how can evacuation be talked about? If you put the fate of the nation and the livelihood of the people before all other considerations, and would make a bold decision to end this futile war, and negotiate an honourable peace with Japan on the basis of Prince Konoye's declaration, it will be possible for myself and all comrades to join with you in a united endeavour to secure an early realisation of nationwide peace."—Reuter.

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BRITAIN'S COST
OF LIVING

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The cost of living index figure on January 1 was 74 per cent. above the level of July, 1914, and compared with 73 on December 1.

The food index figure on January 1 was 87, which was the same as on December 1.

Graf Spee Captives
Back Home

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The British officers and men who were captured by the Graf Spee have arrived at Tilbury.

They will proceed to the Admiralty to report about their experiences aboard the raider.

Paraguay plans to resign from the League of Nations in the event of the League accepting the recommendation of the Advisory Committee which suggests that an arms embargo be raised against Paraguay in favour of Bolivia. Paraguay contends that such a one-sided embargo would be unjust, because it is held that Bolivia is the aggressor in the Gran Chaco war.

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above all taking the shield
of faith, wherewith ye
shall be able to quench all
the fiery darts of the wicked.
From Ephesians, vi. 12-16.

INTERVENTION by the King's Proctor in the
divorce suit of Mrs. Wilmer, wife of David Wilmer, one
of the four Mayfair men sentenced for the Hyde Park
Hotel jewel robbery, has been allowed in the London
Divorce Court, but the decree nisi granted to Mrs. Wilmer
was allowed to stand.

The president, Sir Boyd Merriam, said that in spite
of Mrs. Wilmer's deception of the Court he did not feel
justified in rescinding the decree.

"This marriage," he continued, "has never been a marriage
in any sense of the word, and there is not the slightest chance
of it ever becoming one when this man comes out from the long
term of penal servitude to which he has been sentenced."

"He had treated her in a most disgraceful way, and at one
time had been brutal about her child. It would be a dreadful punishment
to keep her tied to a man to whose
history I have alluded."

Condonation Denied

The King's Proctor had intervened
to show cause why the decree nisi
granted to Mrs. Wilmer, of Cheyne
Row, Chelsea, on the ground of the
adultery of her husband should not
be made absolute.

Wilmer, who in January last year
was sentenced to five years' penal
servitude, did not defend the petition.
In granting the decree, Mr. Justice
Henn Collins had exercised his discre-
tion in Mrs. Wilmer's favour in
respect of adultery which she ad-
mitted with Mr. Patrick Henry Noel
Gamble.

The King's Proctor now alleged
that Mrs. Wilmer had presented a
false case, as she did not fully dis-
close her own adultery, and had
condoned her husband's adultery by
living with him as his wife at
Henley-on-Thames.

She again asked the Court to
exercise its discretion, but denied the
King's Proctor's allegation of con-
donation.

Mr. Gamble intervened.

Wife's Disclosure
Sir Boyd Merriam, giving judg-
ment, said that about the falsity of
the wife's disclosure of her own
adultery there was now no con-
troversy whatever.

It was sufficient to say that, while
she had put forward a case of three
acts of adultery with Gamble—com-
mitted, according to her own admis-
sion, before the adultery with which
she was charging her husband—she
had, at the time she gave evidence,
not merely committed several acts of
adultery with Gamble, but had been
openly sleeping with him for weeks
at a time in a cottage at Henley
which he had taken for her occupa-
tion.

The King's Proctor had not chal-
lenged the account which Mrs. Wil-
mer gave to Mr. Justice Henn
Collins of her very short married
life.

The evidence of condonation
against Mrs. Wilmer, Sir Boyd Merriam
continued, depended upon the
evidence of two witnesses called by
the King's Proctor, Miss Green and
Miss Marsh, both of whom were
sitting in the house at Henley.

In view of acute conflict of evi-
dence the judge said he did not
think he would be justified in ac-
cepting Miss Green's evidence on
this matter, although he thought she
had given it honestly.

"I am satisfied," he concluded,
"that the alleged condonation did not
occur."

he hurried to Berlin just before the
dress rehearsal of the show.

Worked On "Congress Dances"
A quarter of a century after "The
Miracle" Professor Stern did another
big show for C. B. Cochran, "Follow
the Sun."

He worked on films in Germany
with Lubitsch, and did all the de-
signs for "Congress Dances."

He intends to continue with his
career of handling big, spectacular
stage productions—all the more
happily he says, when he has become
a British subject.

MYSTERY STRIPPED FROM NAZI MINES

THE secret of Germany's mystery mine, which has caused
such havoc to British shipping in recent weeks, to-day stands
disclosed.

It is possible to explain the
details of the device by which
the Germans surprised the British
Navy—the device which
many believed was the secret
weapon which Hitler in his
speech on Oct. 20 hinted Ger-
many was planning to employ.

The British have succeeded in
salvaging three of the new German
mines.

The salvage operation—a most
delicate task in view of the sensi-
tive character of the new mines—
preserved them intact. It has per-
mitted naval experts to examine them
in detail.

Weight Is Important

This is how they work:
The mystery mines have no
buoyancy. They do not have to
float. That permits them to carry
a great weight of explosive.

The shape of the mine, and the
way in which its weight is dis-
tributed, is such that it comes to
rest upon the bottom of the sea with
its firing mechanism uppermost.

The actuating device is a short,
soft iron bar, wound with fine wire.
It is this which is affected by the
magnetic field created when a steel
ship passes overhead.

For it is a well known fact that every
steel ship is, in effect, a huge per-
manent magnet. That is one of the
reasons why compasses have to be
corrected with other magnets to
counteract the influence of the ship.

The new mines are planted in
shallow water. When a steel ship
passes close enough overhead, the
magnetic field which is thrown off
by a small electric current in the
coils of wire surrounding the soft
iron bar. The result is that the
soft iron bar becomes a temporary
electric magnet. This magnet operates
the firing device.

Mine Laying Technique

The mystery as to the manner of
laying the mines has been somewhat
cleared up by study of the character
of the mines themselves. They are
equipped with what is known as a
"salammoneiac button." Sal am-
moniac, which is ammonium chloride,
dissolves slowly in sea water. The
device is arranged so that the
"salammoneiac button" is dissolved
after from 8 to 10 hours in the sea.

Thus the mine is rendered safe
until the planting vessel has done
its work and gone away.

The device itself, which renders
the mine inoperative until a desired
time elapses, is nothing new. It was
utilised during the last war. It was
presented in the new German device
indicates that the method of laying
the mines is different from the
ordinary procedure of dropping them
overboard from surface mine-laying
vessels. It substantiates the belief
that the major mine-laying work
was done by specially equipped sub-
marines and it also explains a reason
for the German experiments in lay-
ing the mines from the air.

The reason for this latter develop-
ment is that the Germans cannot
safely mine areas in which the
new magnetic mines have already
been placed. For the fact that the
mines are difficult to sweep up es-
tablishes circumstances under which
the Germans can never be sure that
all of them have been removed and
they can hardly risk returning their
own mine-laying craft to the mine-
endangered waters. The result has
been the effort to supplement their
mine-planting operations by the use
of airplanes.

"Miracle" Designer Wants To Become British

PROFESSOR ERNST
STERN, one of the leading
stage craftsmen and de-
signers of Germany, an-
nounces that he is applying
for naturalisation.

He made his name in England
nearly thirty years ago by de-
signing the decor and the cos-
tumes for C. B. Cochran's "The
Miracle," at Olympia.

He lives now with his wife and
10-year-old daughter Babette in a
flat in Hampstead. His daughter, he
tells me, has also started to design
costumes for the stages.

Professor Stern was born a
Rumanian, but went to art schools
in Vienna and Munich. He created
a reputation as a painter, Reinhardt
heard of him, and gave him an en-
gagement in Berlin. He worked
with Reinhardt for 15 years.

"The Miracle" was actually his
second venture in England. Just
before that he produced the design
for a show called "Sumurun" at the
Coliseum.

Since "The Miracle" he has de-
signed many big musical shows as
well as on the films.

He did some of the decor for
"Bitter Sweet," and "White Horse
Inn" was drawn by him. In 1930,
when he was producing the decor and
costumes for "Song of the Drum,"
which Sir Alfred Butt put on at
Drury Lane, his wife was taken ill
in Berlin, and in between rehearsals
Professor Stern kept going back to
his hotel for news of her. At last



Miss Helen Irving, of Kowloon, photographed with Samba, a two-
months-old Chinese bear which she received as a present last year.
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Blockade Brings New Orders

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reprisal for the murder-mine
menace were revealed recently.
It was announced that the following
had been arranged in connection with
plans to carry out contracts lost by
Germany:—
Spain had decided to place coal
contracts with South Wales in ex-
change for iron ore, and an order for
25,000 tons of Welsh coal was con-
firmed.
Italy has placed an order for 4,000,
000 tons of coal from Britain. Of
this, South Wales will produce 2,000,
000 tons. The remaining 2,000,000
tons will be mined in Durham.
Plans are being completed to re-
open mines in South Wales to carry
out contracts lost by Germany.
Already 5,000 more Welsh miners
are at work than there were at the
beginning of September.

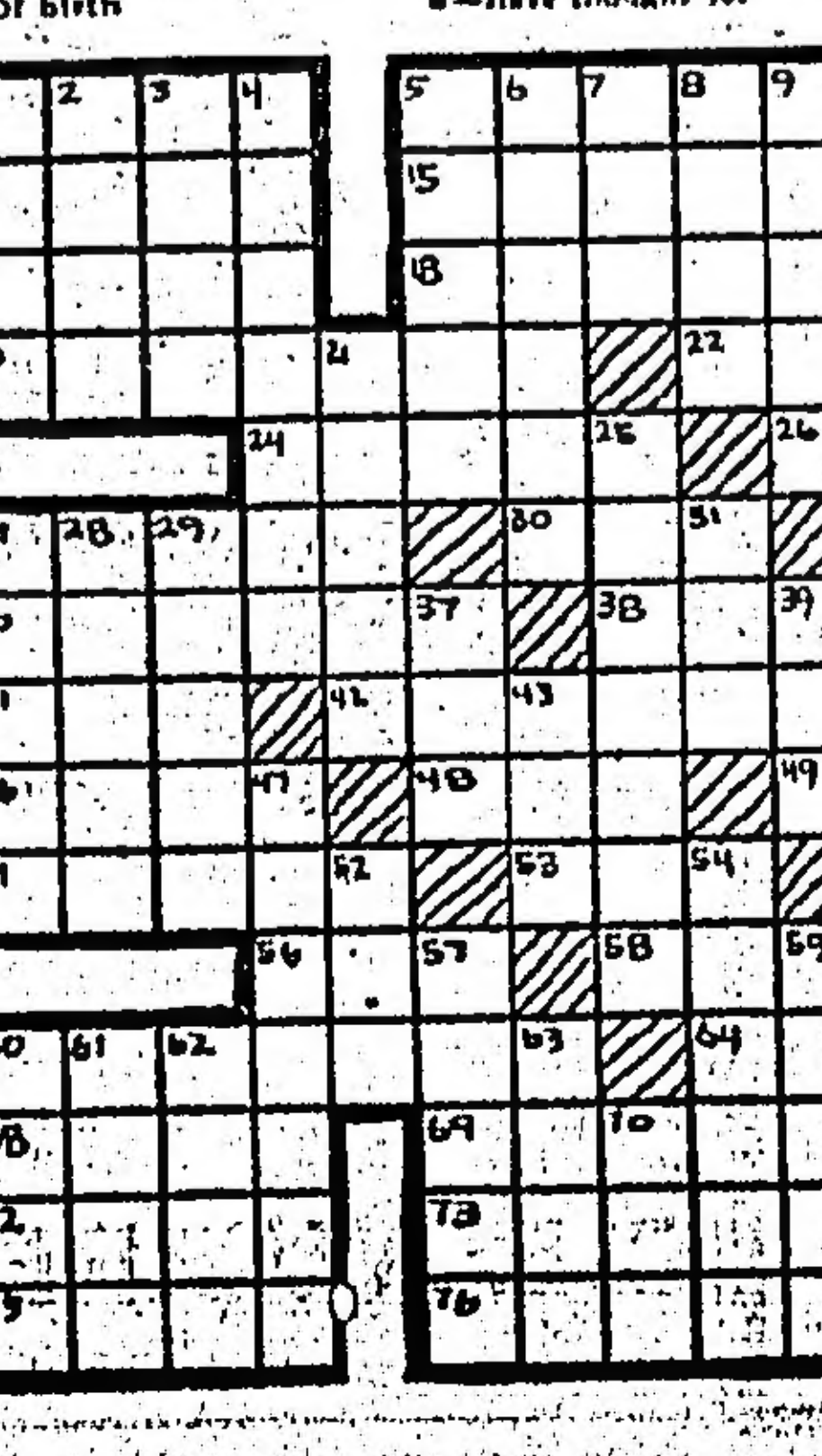
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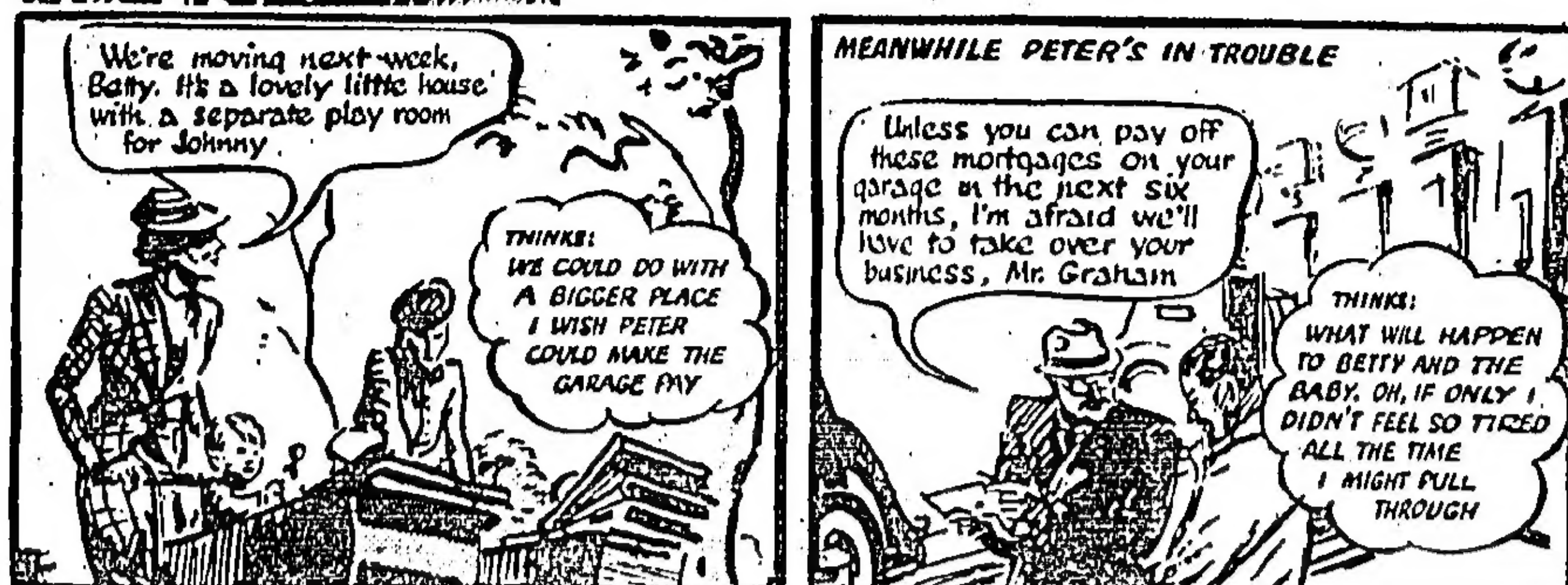
ACROSS
1—Send out
2—Male ailments
3—Affirmation
4—Northern European
5—Discourteous
6—Live horses
7—Pine
8—On the ocean
9—Cut into sheets
10—Cultural object
11—Provide with point
12—Jewelry chain
13—Type of Greek
architecture
14—Author of "The
Hobbit"
15—Lovers
16—Dimest hyperbole
17—Waste material
18—Lines a dimension
19—Cast forth
20—Arctic
21—Design of those
seeking contact
with spirits (pl.)
22—First woman
23—Ward
24—Snip
25—Looked obliquely
26—Already and now
27—Theodore
28—Waiting in
understanding
29—Was up by
abandonment
30—Striking easily
31—Noun
32—Harvest
33—Dancing brightly
34—Girl's nickname
35—Meadow cottonwood
36—River in England
37—Of birth

DOWN
1—Legally stip from
giving contradictory
2—Period of con-
spicuous activity
3—Street of
Greenland
4—Part of ship
5—Name of ship
6—Pine container
7—One who holds on
8—Narrow grooves
9—Scandinavian
10—Asian peninsula
11—Control
12—Part of ship
13—Nautical drama
14—Lucky number
15—Scandinavian
16—Covered by this still
17—Scandinavian
18—Small island
19—River in France
20—One who goes to
21—Chambray
22—Broad olive of
timber
23—Time-shaded corn
24—Conspicuous term
25—Titer widely
26—Argument for
preference
27—Part of ship
28—British official
29—Recently restored
to cabinet
30—Recently deposed
31—Took food

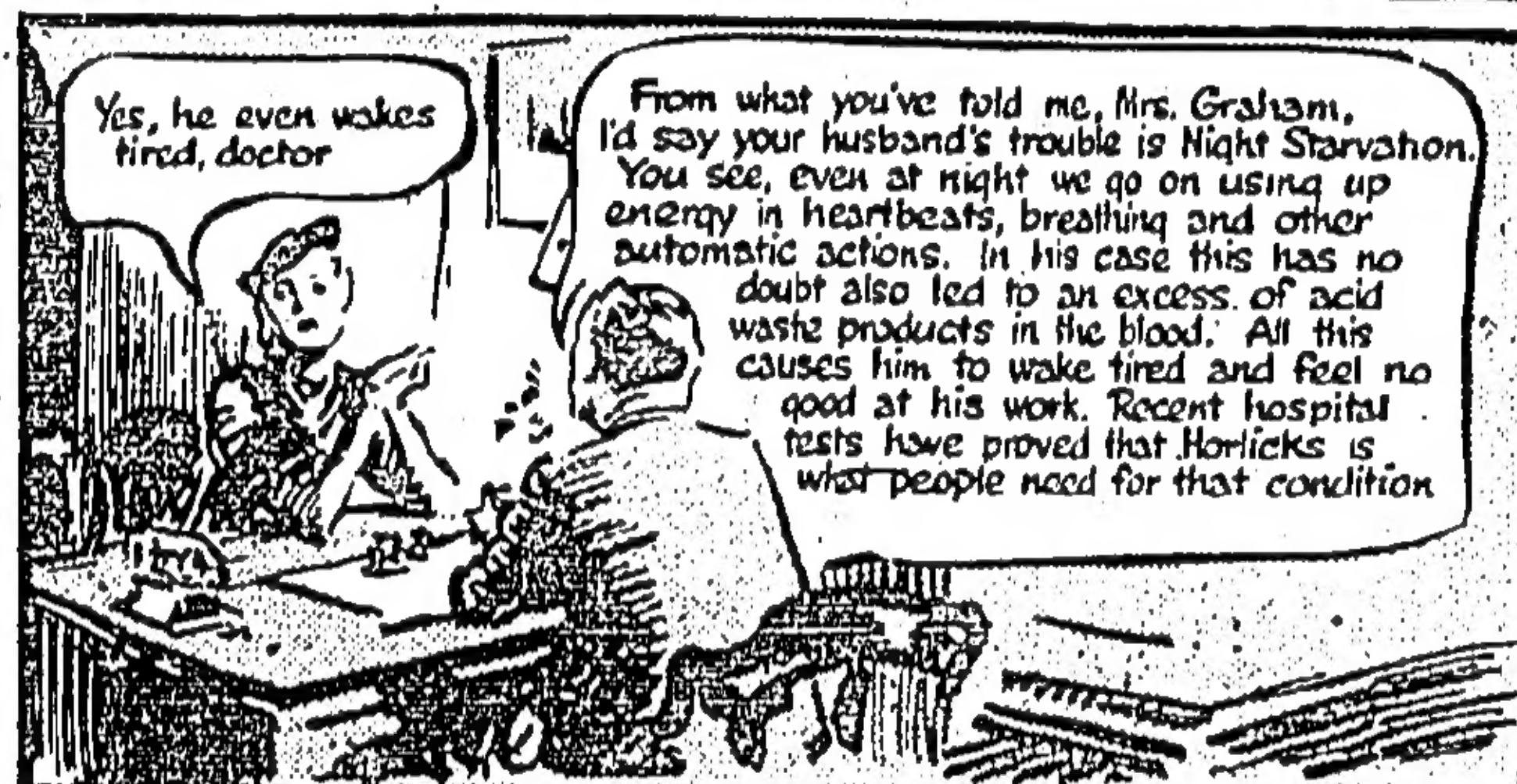




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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

Lamarr Wanted To Play Salome

HEDY LAMARR, the screen's "Glamour Girl" who has made three films during her short stay in Hollywood, became involved early this winter in a boxing match with her employers, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Hedy led in round one by announcing that she proposed to tour in Oscar Wilde's stage play, "Salome." M.G.M. came back at her in round two with a court order which restrained her from doing any such thing.

Round three found Hedy still fighting grimly, either for an increase in salary (from \$5,500 a week to \$85,000 a week) or the cancellation of her contract. The match was fought out round by round, but Hedy is now back in the M.G.M. studios.

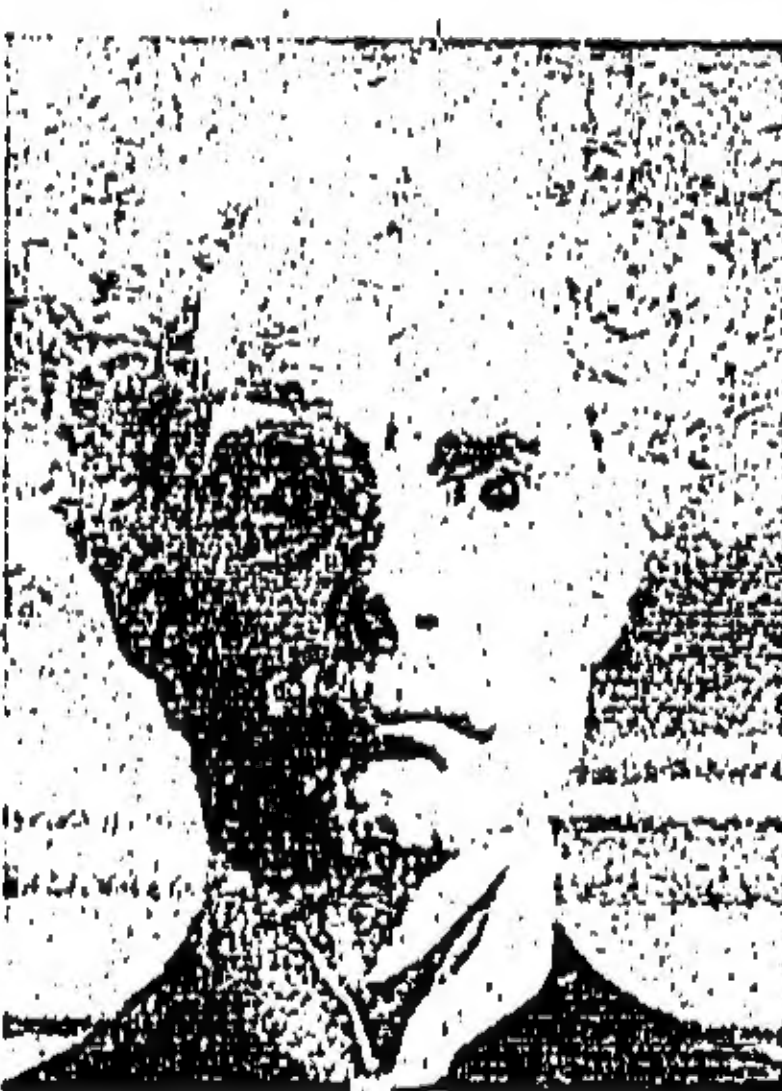
Film Re-Shot

Immediately after her return, M.G.M. decided to revise her last picture "I Take This Woman" in which she was co-starred with Spencer Tracy. The film was re-shot, no reason for this procedure being put forward by M.G.M.

Hedy's first Hollywood film, "Algiers" with Charles Boyer, was shown in Hongkong some time ago. Her second film, "Lady of the Tropics" with Robert Taylor, is expected to be screened at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres some time in February.

Hedy became—as Hedy Kiesler—a famous screen star as a result of her role in the Continental film "Ecstasy." Louis B. Mayer signed her on for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. When she arrived in Hollywood she wanted to meet Garbo above all others. She hasn't. She says she'd rather play Lola Montez on the screen than any other character.

In March last year, she married Mr. Gene Markey, a motion picture producer, formerly Joan Bennett's husband. Incidentally, since Joan Bennett (who was married last Friday to Walter Wanger) has ceased to be a blonde—from the time she donned a black wig in "Trade Winds"—cinema fans have found difficulty in differentiating between the two stars who now look so much alike.



Will Robert Donat play the part of General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army?

Chinese Play At University

"The Professor from Peking," a Chinese three-act play, will be produced by the Arts Association of the University on Friday at 8.45 p.m. in the University Great Hall. H.E. the Governor is expected to attend this performance.

The play will be specially performed for school-children to-morrow night commencing at 7 p.m. The proceeds of both performances will be given to the Chinese Medical Relief Fund.

The play is by Mr. Hsiung, author of "Lady Precious Stream" and "The Romance of the Western Chamber." In those two plays, Mr. Hsiung depicted the romance and charm of old Chinese drama.

In "The Professor from Peking," however, he is very modern indeed and attempts to show the workings of the present-day Chinese political machine.

Act I has for its background the Students' Rising in Peking in 1919. The period of Act 2 is 1927, showing the Hanow political storm. The last act deals with the Japanese occupation of Nanking in 1937.

Hedy Lamarr, beautiful Viennese actress, who will shortly be seen here in "Lady of the Tropics."

Who Will Play General Booth

HOLLYWOOD is going to film the story of the Salvation Army.

Darryl Zanuck, the 20th Century-Fox production chief, has bought the rights of "Marching As To War," by Lawrence Pohle and Thomas Aherne, which bring the Army from its troubled and dauntless foundation by General William Booth and his wife, in the East End of London, up to its worldwide activities of the present day.

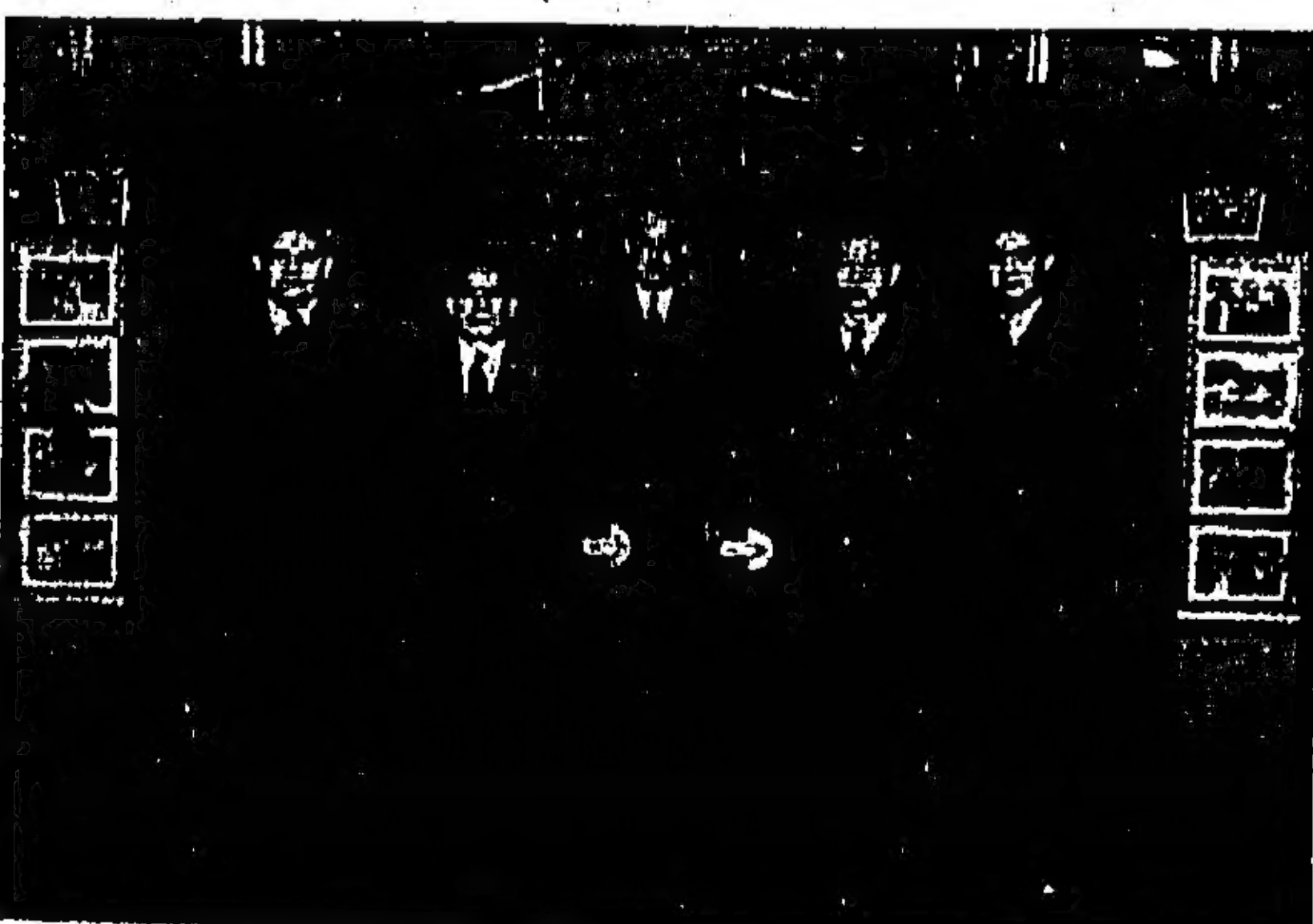
Here is a dramatic subject that British film-makers might have tackled. There will be snags, of course, in turning it into film entertainment, but those who are inclined to that eagle of a leader, the original General Booth, had a warm regard for anything calculated to stir the interest of the multitude in his wonderful work.

Choice of Star

No news has been received here yet as to who will play the part of General William Booth. Two names have been suggested—Robert Donat, star of "The Citadel" and "Goodbye Mr. Chips" and Sir Cedric Hardwicke, who gave such a splendid performance as Dr. Livingstone in "Stanley and Livingstone."

Louis Bromfield, famous novelist, was engaged by 20th Century-Fox to write the screen play of "Marching As To War." Late in November last year, he arrived in Hollywood with his manager, George Hawkins. They were met at Pasadena by Kay Francis. At present, Bromfield is gathering material for the script and doing research work on the story.

This will be his third assignment for 20th Century-Fox in less than a year. He aided in preparing the screen story for "The Rains Came," a best-seller which he wrote, and later did the script on "Brigham Young," a dramatization of the life of the great Mormon leader.



The formal presentation of the Zenith Radio to the winners of the "Babes in Arms" contest, was recently made by Mr. C. S. Roosevelt, General Manager of General Amusement, Ltd. The winners were Messrs. Gomez and Kenneth Fung. On the extreme ends are Messrs. Gromberg and Ma, South China Manager for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, and local distributor of Zenith Radio, respectively.

AT THE LOCAL CINEMAS

Alhambra: "Reckless Ranger" (Bob Allen)
Queen's: "Full Confession" (Victor McLarlen, Sally Elen)
Majestic: "Girls on Probation" (Jane Bryan, Ronald Reagan)
Oriental: "Blonde" (Fenny Singleton, Arthur Lake)
King's: "All Quiet on the Western Front"

Roosevelt Now U.A. Producer

LAST week, Mr. Murray Silverstone, head of the United Artists Corporation, announced the conclusion of a distribution contract for a long period for a yearly series of important pictures to be produced by Mr. James Roosevelt.

Mr. Roosevelt, who is a son of President Roosevelt, heads his own production company with large private capital. He is now contracting for important stars and directors whose names will be disclosed next month. The first of his pictures will go into production on April 10.

Mr. Roosevelt has entered United Artists on the same basis as all the other United Artists producers, Goldwyn, Selznick, Korda, Wanger, Ronch and Small. Mr. Roosevelt will contribute products which will be equally as important as those made by the other producers.

Film Star Refuses To Aid The Army

THE young British film actor, Desmond Tester, who played a Highland drummer boy with Sabu in "The Drum," has been registered as a conscientious objector on condition that he undertakes agricultural work.

He felt killing was utterly wrong and futile and would not help the Army in any way, even by entertaining troops or wounded men in hospital. He said he would like, however, to be able to take part in any film which was not obviously propaganda or anything like that.

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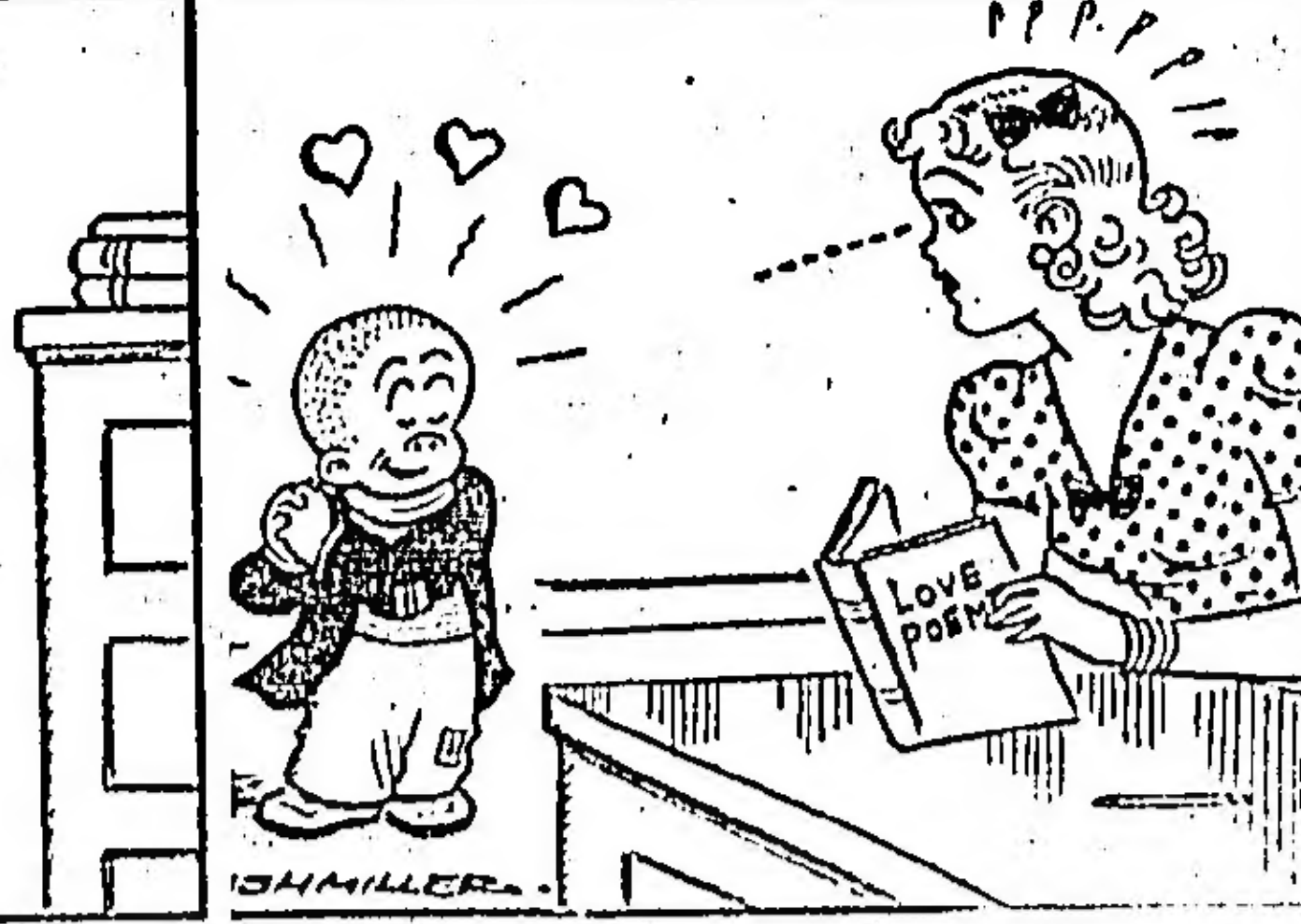
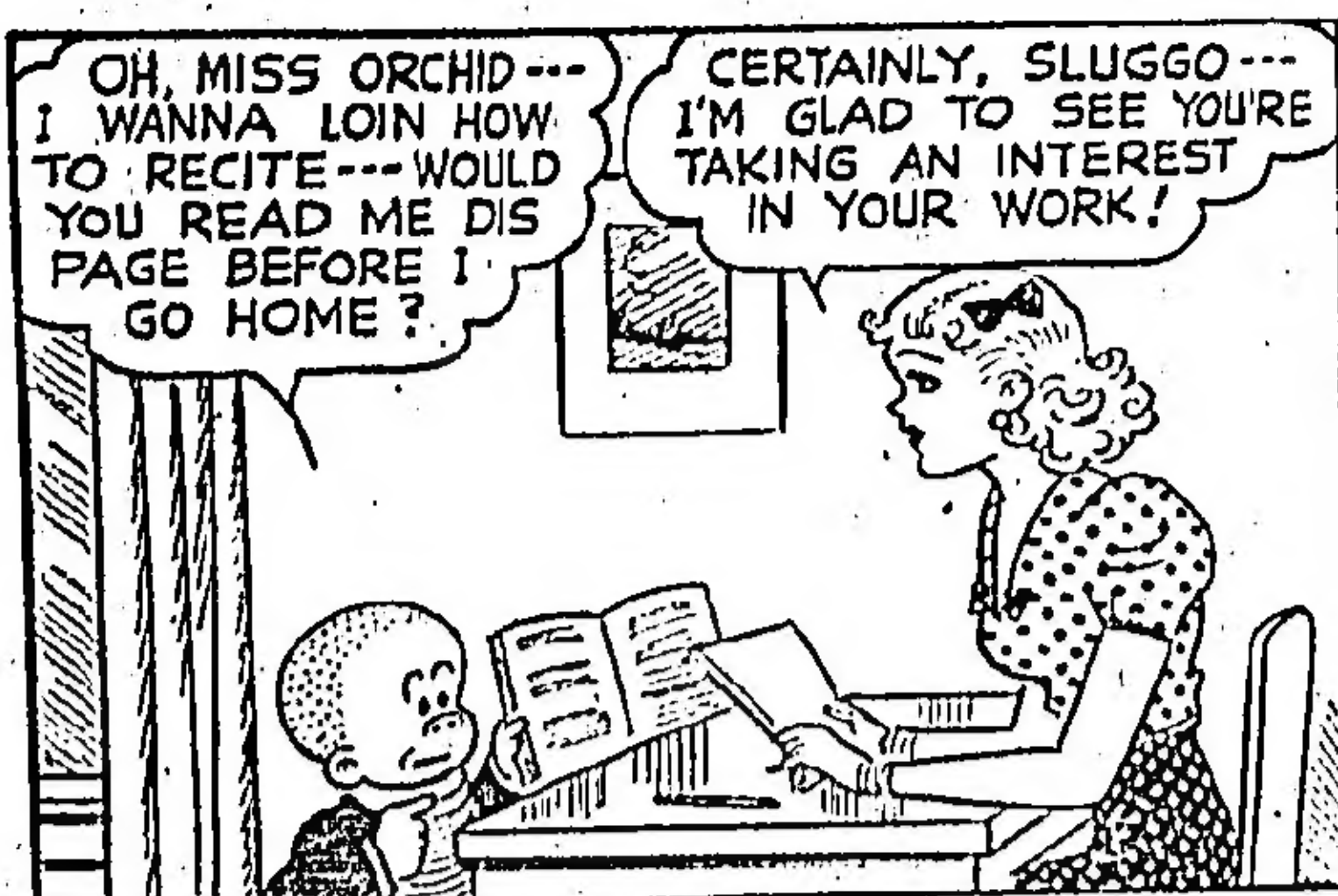
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Goodbye, Mr Chips

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They Drank A Toast To The Future

During the 20 years that, as a bachelor, he had been a master at Brookfield School Chipping had not been able to get on friendly terms with the boys. But, after a walking trip in the Tyrols where he had met (and later married) Katherine Ellis, a transformation was worked in him.

ONE night, when Chips was on dormitory inspection, as the "lights out" bell rang, Kathie accompanied him to the door.

"Chips," she said, and paused. Then, with mock daring, she continued: "Cough a little before you come to No. 11, will you?"

"Kathie—why?" he asked with instant suspicion of her wiles.

"Well, Jones Minor got a tuck-box from home to-day. Chips, didn't you ever have a dormitory feast when you were a little boy?"

His eyes twinkled at her. "Well, I remember once—but that's entirely beside the point."

"Is it?"

"Kathie, I sometimes think you are trying to pull Brookfield down stone by stone."

He was very solemn as he left her, but when he opened the door of No. 11, where the contents of the tuck-box were spread out in the centre of the bed, and the young occupants sat about in their night attire, eyes shining, mouths open in alarm at the discovery of the forbidden dormitory feast.

Chips just stared clear across the room. He did not act as though he saw either the feast nor the fearful boys.

"Hum," he said as though to himself. "Thought I heard a noise. Must have been the cat."

He went quietly out, closing the door.

He stopped for a moment, shaking his head sorrowfully, thoroughly surprised and shocked at his action, but not so shocked as to go

APRIL FOOLS' DAY

back and put an end to the feast.

AT the Christmas holidays that year, the boys did not seek to avoid Chips; they made it a point to tell him goodbye, wish him and his wife a Merry Christmas and to ask him to give Mrs. Chips such messages as that, "I'm going to bring her some silk-worms," "I'll bring her a picture of my sister,"—of the Mater, of our house, etc.

And then Jenks, the school porter, approached with a message that the Headmaster wanted to see him.

Kathie, helped by Nellie, the maid, was busily decorating a Christmas tree in the sitting room when Chips came in with a rush of excitement.

"Kathie! Such news! They're making me Housemaster! Longhurst's leaving, and the Head's offering me his house!"

"Darling! I'm so happy!" she cried, going into his arms and kissing him. "Not that it's any more than you deserve! It's a lovely old house, and there's a most imposing library for you—and a green house with a grapevine. I think we should have lighter paint in the hall though—it's a little gloomy as it is."

"Here! Here, not so fast!" But she continued: "—but the bedrooms are lovely, and oh, there's a little room at the head of the stairs. I always thought that would be perfect for a nursery."

"You always thought gulped—Chips, but you could hardly have expected—"

"But of course, dear, I was sure you would be Headmaster

some day, just as I'm sure one day you'll be Head. I've been trying to make up my mind which of the houses I'd like best."

"Well, upon my word! The presumption of the woman!" He chuckled as Kathie led him to his chair by the fire.

"Imagine, Chips, Longhurst's will have to be called 'Chippin's' now."

"Chippin's? I suppose so. Well, well! And I do believe you meant it—that one day I'll be Headmaster!"

"My darling," said Kathie, snuggling close, "you're a very sweet person—and a very modest person. You have sorts of unexpected gift and qualities, so unexpected that you keep surprising even me with them." She put her hand in his. "Never be afraid, Chips, that you can't do anything you've made up your mind to. As long as you don't lose faith in yourself, you can go as far as you dream. Certainly you'll be Headmaster if you want to."

Max Staefel came in a little later and they drank a toast together to the future.

APRIL Fool's Day always brings a certain licence to school boys and those at Brookfield were no exception.

In Chips's class-room several of the pupils were gathered. One boy had just laid some letters on the master's desk when another rushed in bursting with news.

"I say, have you heard the news? Chips is having a baby!"

"Chips is?" queried Martin.

"Mrs. Chips, you fool!" exclaimed an older boy. "Just like old Chips," commented Martin. "He would have a baby on April Fool's Day. Let's finish here."

They returned to the desk and stuck used stamps on the envelopes. One boy was painfully drawing a postmark in pencil across a cancelled stamp.

"Bring the postmark across the letter," cautioned Martin. "Chips won't notice it. He'll think they're really letters and open them to find only blank sheets of paper."

"I don't see much in that," commented a fat lad.

"That's the point—there's isn't explained Martin. 'Chips'll see the joke. He's jolly good at seeing jokes lately."

CHIPPING'S home seemed deserted. All was quiet except for the monotonous ticking of a grandfather's clock.

A shaft of light streamed through a window upon the stairway landing.

At the bottom of the steps, stood Kathie's little maid, Nellie, looking up with white, shocked face. Her eyelids were red and swollen.

A nurse came out of a second floor room and appeared at the head of the stairs. Nellie called in hushed, tearful voice: "Is it all right?"

"It's all over, Nellie. Mrs. Chipping."

"And—the baby, too?" The nurse did not trust herself to speak; she nodded and abruptly disappeared. Nellie laid her head against the newel post and broke into soft weeping.

The bedroom door opened and Chips came out, walking heavily, his eyes dazed and dead, unable to realise that wife and child were both gone—that Kathie's sweet, sympathetic voice would never again welcome him home. The doctor followed him, touched his arm gently.

"I'll send a message to the common room. Someone else can take your class."

"It's all right," said a strange, dead voice that came from Chipping's lips.

"But, Chips, there's no need—" He was silent as he watched the stricken man descend the stairs with dragging footsteps. Chips was not even aware of the pathetic figure of Nellie who could scarcely see him through her tears. Mechanically he got his hat and left the house.

"Chips is coming; take your seats." Martin warned his classmates. They watched Chips enter and go slowly to his desk without speaking, without looking at them.

THEIR gleeful anticipation of the April Fool joke turned to puzzlement: Chips did not appear even to see the letters on

his desk. He took up a book, then put it down. Martin stood up.

"Please, sir, there are a lot of letters for you." Chips looked up, frowning as though in an effort to concentrate.

"Er—thank you, Martin," he said vaguely, took up one of the letters, opened it, drew out a blank sheet of paper, looked at it, opened another.

The boys writhed in the seats, some stuffed handkerchiefs into their mouths to keep from laughing outright. Chips drew the sheet of paper from the second envelope, looked at one side, turned it over, raised his eyes vaguely towards his class.

"First of April, sir!" "April Fool, sir!" cried the boys.

Their laughter was beginning to die away at Chips's strange lack of response to their joke, when a late comer quietly took his seat, and whispered something to the boy in front of him; that boy turned sharply to the next boy and whispered with an angry gesture that silenced the "April Fool, sir!" in his throat.

Whispering ran from boy to boy, from row to row, and the room became still as death.

CHIPS passed a hand across his bewildered eyes, reached for a book, opened it fumblingly.

"Turn to page 29," Shooked, sympathetic, the boys got their books, opened them quietly, hardly rustling a page. "Martin, will you begin," continued the expressionless voice of the master.

Martin stood up and began reading the Latin, translating it line by line into stumbling English, his voice choked, uncertain, faltering.

Never once did Chips stop him, help him through a difficult passage or explain a new word, an obscure reference. Martin's voice went on monotonously through the entire assignment. No other boy was called on to recite. Chips was not even following the text.

TO-MORROW REVOLT

SPARTAN SPORTSMEN

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wing three-quarters, both with the Union and the League.

He went to England with the Wallabies in 1938 and the Kangaroos in 1939. When his football days were over, Russell became a State and Australian Rugby League selector, and, at different times, when not engaged upon those duties, coached the Newtown players. He is a life member of that club, and next month will go up for election for a similar honour in the New South Wales League.

Charlie Russell is another of the growing number of Rugby men to go through severe illnesses in recent months. The others are making good progress, and it is to be sincerely hoped that "Boxer" will be equally fortunate. His army of friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

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DOCTOR OF THE OLD SCHOOL

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by Kirsy, who has the sharpest tongue and kindest heart in the district. If it were not for her the doctor would seldom have anything more substantial to eat than "black bread," nor would he ever remember to put on his top-coat or change his wet boots.

"It's wiser than a barn," says Kirsy, but there is a kind gleam in her eyes when she speaks of the doctor, and there is no doubt that she thinks the world of him, although he often says, with a smile, that he cannot call his soul his own when Kirsy is about.

How he manages to make a living we have long given up trying to guess, for most of his patients are poor, and as often as not he deliberately forgets to send in his bill. Often, too, when he arrives at some poor cottage, he will produce from his pocket a packet of tea or something that he knows is lacking from his patient's cupboard. "But he is very indignant if anyone tries to thank him."

"Nonsense! Nonsense," he says gruffly. "Wait till I send in the bill." But the bill never comes, and the doctor often has to go without tobacco himself, and has not had a new winter coat for more years than we can recall.

Some of his patients, however, repay him in kind. On more than one occasion he has been told that, "Well, be killin' the soo as sure as ye've cured Wull's bronchitis. A humil no' come amlas to ye, doctor." The general verdict of the countryside is: "He's a ground man, oor doctor. Nae hauf-measures w' him. He'll either kill ye, or cure ye."

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Colossal Estimates For United States

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—New warships costing \$2,276,000,000 will be needed by 1945 in order to complete the navy's current and proposed construction programme, according to Admiral Harold Stark's testimony before the House of Representatives' Naval Committee.

New Army Also Wanted
Meanwhile, the Secretary of War, Mr. Woodring, appearing before the House Military Affairs Committee, appealed for the Committee's support for the new arms funds.
"Up to this winter, our army has not been 'an army in being,'" said Mr. Woodring, adding that such an army as opposed to one on paper would enable America to "speak with authority for peace."

Odd Coincidence?

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—An odd coincidence is the subject of much unofficial comment.
During the last Lowland scare in November, a Dutch ship, the *Suzanne*, was sunk. Promptly on the heels of the present tension, the *Arendskerke* has been torpedoed by a Nazi U-boat.

Nazis Admit Sinking
LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The German wireless broadcast this afternoon news of the sinking of the *Arendskerke*.
The master of the *Arendskerke*, the announcer said, had reported that his ship had been "topped and torpedoed by a German submarine."
No comment was made.

LATE NEWS



ROBERT DONAT and Greer Garson in "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," which is opening at the Queen's and Alhambra theatres shortly.

OCTOGENARIAN WOMAN REGAINS HER SIGHT

SALT LAKE CITY, (UP).—The world is brighter to-day and surely more wonderful than ever in the lifetime of Mrs. Ann C. Milne who proclaims she feels like starting life anew—at 91 years of age.

Patient Mrs. Milne, one of Utah's early pioneers, can see to-day after 15 years of total blindness. She finds the world full of colour and familiar Salt Lake City sights are now more exciting than ever to the woman who first came here in 1859.

An operation which is not often successful when a person has reached Mrs. Milne's age removed a cataract from her right eye and restored sight to both.

Nurses and hospital attendants who attended the aged woman while she was preparing for the operation said she had been one of their best patients. Success of the operation depended greatly upon her willingness to be motionless for six days. She never complained.

And when the operation was finished and she was given a new pair of glasses Mrs. Milne was greeted outside the hospital by autumn.

"The world is filled with colours—the prettiest in my lifetime."
She expressed only one disappointment. She wanted to see again the old Salt Lake Theatre, which her husband, the late David Milne, and his partner had painted when it was erected in the 60s. During her absence from the world of sight, the theatre had been demolished and replaced by a modern business building. Regardless, she exclaimed the beauties of the new structure.
Mrs. Milne sees few familiar faces but despite their absence she says, "I can't express my joy at seeing again."

He Arrested Molotov—Worse Luck

THIRTY years ago when the Czar still ruled in Russia a young student named Molotov was arrested, accused of revolutionary activities.

Borissav was the name of the policeman who made the arrest.

Molotov is Soviet Prime Minister now.

Borissav has just been sent to prison for ten years—charge not stated—according to the Moscow radio.

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PARIS, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—British troops are now being held in readiness for any Nazi offensive in the Lowlands.

Monday's long-range artillery battle, in which both sides participated, was near the Moselle and is considered the most violent one of the war.

The inhabitants of the Luxembourg village near the frontier fled to safety as shell splinters fell on the town.

The Germans have now come to the conclusion that the British troops are in the front line after all.

Hitherto the Germans have tried to suggest that all the work is being done by the French, but it is now

New Russian Attack Fails: Raid Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 16 (UP).—An official communique states that a Russian attack on the Karclian Isthmus has been repulsed with heavy losses.

The Finns dispersed two Russian companies on the important north-central frontier near Salla, where it was recently reported the Russians were attempting mass reinforcements.

A Russian detachment attacked on the southeastern Karelian Isthmus front near Tipale.

An official statement states that 60 Russian planes bombed eight Finnish towns yesterday, dropping 600 bombs.

Three were killed, 50 wounded. The property damage was slight.

Crushing Defeat

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—A communique claims that the Finns have annihilated two Russian companies on the Salla front.

Russian air activity on Monday was much lighter than on Sunday. Several Finnish towns were bombed and a number of fires were caused. Three fires were speedily got under control.

The Finnish air force conducted reconnaissance flights and bombed Russian troops several times. Four Soviet planes were brought down on Monday.

10,000 Bombs On Finland

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 16 (UP).—The Finns estimate that since Friday nearly 10,000 bombs have been dropped on about 60 villages and towns in Finland.

In some cases isolated houses have been bombed, and individuals machine gunned, the official announcement states.

ATTACK ON U-BOAT

R.A.F. Pilot Describes The Action

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. pilot of a plane of the Coastal Command has now given his own story of the bombing of a U-boat in the North Sea on Monday.

The R.A.F. plane was on patrol duty when a U-boat was sighted at a distance of a few miles. The pilot was having a snack at the time and he heard the gunner shout "Look!"

Looked Like Rowing Boat

He looked in the direction of the pointing finger and saw what seemed to be a rowing boat on the horizon with a trail of foam behind it.

After a few moments, he gave the plane its full throttle as he was sure it was a U-boat.

As the plane approached, the U-boat crashed-dived and the plane dived down on it, dropping its bombs.

Not Seen Again

They seemed to fall very close and a great splash of water followed the explosion. A little later, a greenish brown patch, with bubbles spread over its position where the submarine dived.

Although the R.A.F. machine remained on the spot for some time the U-boat was not seen again.

BRITAIN'S COST OF LIVING

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The cost of living index figure on January 1 was 74 per cent. above the level of July, 1914, and compared with 73 on December 1.

The food index figure on January 1 was 87, which was the same as on December 1.

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Premier Reviews The Home Front



THE PREMIER

Firm Reply To Soviets

Fully Supported By Scandinavian Press

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The Scandinavian Press backs up its governments in their firm reply to the Soviet protest.

A Stockholm paper says "Sweden's foreign policy is never determined anywhere but in Stockholm."

Bland Answer

A Norwegian paper blandly says that there can be no question of Scandinavian countries not being neutral or otherwise because according to the Soviet Government, Russia is not at war with Finland.

A Danish paper says that the only thing that remains unanswered in the Soviet note is the demand for the censorship of the Press, "which will be impossible in Scandinavia, as no Scandinavian wants to live according to Bolshevik principles."

Soviets Ape Nazis

MOSCOW, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—According to the Soviets, Sweden is forcing her unemployed to fight in the Finnish Army.

Moscow radio says that Sweden is reducing her public works and is normalizing high pay and other inducements to make her unemployed fight for Finland "on the advice of other Powers."

In a special Swedish broadcast, the Moscow radio appealed to Swedish workers to refuse to help Finland.

Hollywood Drama

Film Star's Ex-Husband Attempts Suicide

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 16 (UP).—Joan Bennett's first husband, Mr. John M. Fox, 38, formerly of Manila, attempted suicide today by taking 50 sleeping tablets.

He was apparently driven to distraction at the thought of Joan being on her third honeymoon.

He is reported to have an even chance of recovering.

"I Would Rather Die"

Police reported that Mr. Fox said he would rather die than live without hope of re-marrying Joan. He said: "I cannot bear the thought of my daughter Diana being brought up by another man."

Joan and her new husband are on their honeymoon.

Joan's sister Barbara telephoned to Joan and then arranged for Mr. Fox to be taken to hospital and attended by specialists.

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Defending the Government's position vis-a-vis the resignation of Mr. Hore-Belisha, Mr. Chamberlain declared in the House of Commons to-day that there was no foundation for the suggestion that the War Minister's resignation was connected with, or was the result of, a battle between Mr. Hore-Belisha and certain high officers vaguely described as "Brass Hats," over the system of promotion in the army.

He had never heard of any serious differences between Mr. Hore-Belisha and the Army Council, and he did not believe that any existed.

"I can state definitely that no such consideration ever entered my head in connection with the change that I had thought it my duty to make," said Mr. Chamberlain.

PURE INVENTION

The story that pressure had been put upon him from outside by military officers or by his friends to displace Mr. Hore-Belisha was an invention from beginning to end. (Cheers).

It was not complimentary to him to suggest that he would have allowed himself to be influenced by pressure of such an improper character, "but it is a scandalous aspersion upon responsible officers who cannot speak for themselves to suggest that they would have so far forgotten their duty, especially in war time, as to contemplate any action of the kind I have described."

Mr. Chamberlain said that no serving officer had at any time ever said one word to him inconsistent with his loyalty to his ministerial Chief, and so far from putting pressure upon him, no officer had ever discussed with him any change in the Secretaryship for War.

War-Time Necessities

"Every Prime Minister must from time to time review the allocation of offices among his various colleagues, and to consider whether the allocation still remains the best that can be effected. But, especially in war time, it is essential that the machinery of government should work with maximum efficiency (Cheers) and minimum friction."

"If the Prime Minister thinks that a change is desirable, he must also consider when a change should be made, bearing in mind that every change must necessarily create a disturbance and that there are times when a disturbance is more dangerous than others."

Distasteful Duty

"To make changes among his colleagues is often the most distasteful of all duties of a Prime Minister, and if he had to make public all his reasons for making a change, it would be impossible to make any change."

"Therefore, I don't propose to give the House in detail my reasons this afternoon. I only say that I have become aware of the difficulties. Perhaps I might describe them as arising out of the very great qualities of Mr. Hore-Belisha which, in my view, made it desirable that a change would occur at some time, and I thought that the change could best be effected when I had made other changes at the same time in the Government."

"I do not want to lose the services of Mr. Hore-Belisha and, therefore, I offered him another very important post, but for reasons which he has given the House he did not see his way to accept the office. I very much regretted his decision, but I respected it and I don't make any complaint of it."

"I myself only hold my present office by favour of the House of Commons."

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PREMIER'S STATEMENT REITERATED IN LORDS

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—A short discussion followed the Earl of Stanhope's war review in the House of Lords, which was identical with that given by Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons.

Lord Snell urged quick and adequate help to Finland, and asserted that if the Finns were beaten, the strategic position of Europe would be immediately altered, and probably for as grave disadvantage to this country.

He highly welcomed the reference to help by the Dominions, India and the Colonies which, even now, he would generally hesitate to believe thought, was insufficiently realised.

BRITISH OFFER TO NORWAY, SWEDEN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 16 (UP).—Informed Scandinavian sources claim that Sweden and Norway have received written British offers of assistance if their independence is threatened.

The Swedish Foreign Office denies that it has received any such offer. Nevertheless, the report, which is accredited to informed sources, persists to-day.

The report claims that as recently as last Saturday, Britain offered a guarantee of Swedish neutrality against aggression for any quarter.

It is stated that this original offer was, in fact, declined by Sweden for fear that acceptance would be regarded by Hitler as grounds for action against the Scandinavian country.

No Norwegian Reply

Sweden also adopts the policy that, in any case, aggression against her would find Britain automatically ranged on her side.

It is reported that Norway has not yet replied to the British offer.

Support for the report comes from Paris, where an important announcement was made last night by the Quai d'Orsay (Foreign Office).

This announcement states that any neutral countries attacked by Germany will "benefit by formidable support from Britain and France."

Concurrently, Mr. Chamberlain has confirmed in the House of Commons that Britain and France have granted Turkey a new credit of £25,000,000 for armaments.

£2,000,000 to liquidate arrears in Anglo-Turkish clearances and £1,500,000 to liquidate Turko-French arrears.

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

U.S.-JAPAN TRADE RELATIONS

Depend On Japan's New Attitude

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP).—State Department officials said to-day that the future of Japanese-American trade relations will depend largely on the attitude of the new Japanese government regarding American rights and interests in China.

They contend that it makes little difference to trade relations whether a new treaty is made or not and they draw attention to the friendly trade relations between the United States and France, many items of which are not mentioned in existing treaties.

Treat Expiration Effect

Officials were reticent regarding the negotiations between Ambassador Joseph Grew and the Japanese Foreign Office.

The expiration of the treaty will not cancel any Japanese privileges nor impose penalties, but will remove the obligation to continue any privileges indefinitely and will allow the imposition of penalties if desired.

Hopes Of Settlement

TOKYO, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—Hope of settling the aftermath of the trade treaty question between the United States and Japan was expressed by Mr. H. Arita, the new Foreign Minister, in an interview with Japanese pressmen after the transfer of seals of office between himself and the outgoing Foreign Minister, Admiral Nomura.

He also said that preparations for the re-opening of the Yangtze were proceeding apace.

The foreign policy of the new Cabinet, Mr. Arita declared, would centre on the disposal of the China Affair and readjustment of relations with Third Powers while firmly maintaining Japan's independent position.

It was untenable to assert that Japan would run the risk of antagonising one power in seeking to please another.

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Bombed Capital of Finland



Parts of Helsinki, which is suffering from fresh Russian raids. Strategic points are shown in the above plan of the city—1, Central Railway Station; 2, Fredriksgatan; 3, Kalevagatan. The road to Malmi Aerodrome, which was severely attacked, is shown at the top (4).

NAZI OFFICIAL JOINS THE FINNISH ARMY

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The German commercial attache in Finland has resigned his post and joined the Finnish army as a volunteer.

Tragic Loss of Three British Submarines

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 17 (UP).—An apparently effective German weapon against submarines, laconically referred to in a German communique as "German undersea defence measures" has claimed three British submarines as its first victims—the first British submarines to be lost through enemy action since the outbreak of hostilities.

The three submarines are small coastal craft of from 540 to 640 tons, their ages ranging from ten to seven years. They are the 640-ton sister ships Seahorse and Starfish and the 540-ton Undine.

According to an Admiralty announcement, the three vessels, "which must be presumed lost," were engaged on particularly hazardous service.

The German announcement states that some of their crew have been saved.

The price-time complements of the Seahorse and Starfish are only 40 men each, while the Undine carries even less men, its complement being 27 men.

The Seahorse, and Starfish were armed with one 3-in. gun and carried six 21-in. torpedo tubes. The Undine carried no guns and had only six 21-in. tubes.

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POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below, unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAHS

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 10th January.

Calcutta and Straits Jan. 17.

Canton Jan. 17.

Hainan Jan. 17.

Japan and Shanghai Jan. 17.

Straits Jan. 17.

Shanghai and Amoy Jan. 18.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

Mr. A. N. Wootton, Assistant Australian Government Trade Commissioner in China, will arrive in Hong Kong about 17th. Inst. for a short visit and will be glad if parties desiring to consult him in connection with Australian Trade will communicate with him c/o Mr. S. T. Williamson, 5th Floor, P. & O. Building.

NOTICE

R.A.O.B. CLUB, (G.L.E.)
Ice House Street

The Annual General Meeting of the above Club will take place on Thursday, 18th January, 1940, at 8 p.m. All members are cordially invited.

NOTICE

As from to-day, bottles bearing the trademark of "H.B." and the name "Hongkong Brewery & Distillery Ltd." will be redeemed at—

"QUARTS" — 5 cents each

"PINTS" — 4 cents each

Hongkong, 15th. January, 1940.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—
The Hon. General Secretary, H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.
The Inspector, 40, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor.
The Inspector, 15, Star St. Wanchai.
The Inspector, 12, Sai Young Choi St. Kowloon.
The Inspector, 52, Argyle St. Kowloon.
All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.
The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

"To-day's trading has been on a larger scale than that of yesterday. Sales reported suggest an incipient demand which may easily broaden."

Buyers

H.K. Bank \$1,340

Union Insurance \$400

Wharves \$192

Docks \$21.40

Providents \$4.70

Humphreys \$4.60

Realities \$4.60

Yumant Perries \$2.4

China Lights (New) \$4.5

Electric \$18.4

Meaco Electric \$11.4

Sandakan Lights \$18.85

Cements \$21.7

Dairy Farms (New) \$9.15

Watsons \$7

Entertainments \$9.4

Vibro Piling \$9.4

Sellers

H.K. Bank \$1,370

Wharves \$104

Providents \$1.75

Hotels \$9.4

Sales

H.K. Bank \$1,365

Fire Insurance \$180

Docks \$21.4

Providents \$13.7

Hotels \$9.4

Tramways \$17.60

Electric \$18.10/18.5

Meaco Electric \$18.65/19.

Watsons \$9.4

Constructions (Old) \$1.4

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan \$101

Tribe Raise War Fund

CAPETOWN. A MEETING of the Bakgalla tribe in Bechuanaland has decided that each initiated member should contribute five shillings to the Bechuanaland War Fund, "to assist the King in his struggle against Germany."—Exchange.

Bomb Dropped on Ship: It Failed To Go Off

IN a north-east coast port, fifty-four-year-old Captain Thomas Rooney and his crew of seven sat drinking tea and congratulating themselves on their escape from two Nazi air raiders who sank their ship, the 487-ton Serenity.

Captain Rooney said: "The Jerries are without a marksmen. They put a lot more bullets and bombs into the sea than they put into the boat." Out of about twenty-five bombs, they hit the ship with three.

The planes circled over the Serenity, then dived. Machine-gun bullets went through the engine-room skylight, splintering on the floor round chief engineer W. Dawson.

The bridge was the main target, however, and Captain Rooney was forced to leave as shots splintered the wheel-house.

Henry Burford, of King's Lynn, was at the wheel, but he did not leave his post until the captain ordered the crew to the boats.

As they swung the lifeboat out, a bomb glanced off the stern. It failed to explode.

As the crew pulled away other bombs fell. Most of them were wide of the ship.

The Serenity crew were rowing for several hours before being picked up. Their distress signals were seen at a lifeboat station.

Humber Raided

Hundreds of people on the sea-front saw the shipping attacked by an enemy bomber in the Humber district. They saw guns open fire on the raider, saw it chased by defending aircraft. One witness said he saw a machine come down apparently out of control.

Mrs. J. Wilson said she saw several planes flying in and out of the clouds. Then she saw a black machine flying just under the clouds and making up river.

Two tremendous reports were followed by flashes of flame and great splashes in the direction of the ships. The planes disappeared, then reappeared after a few moments heading for the sea pursued by fighter planes.

Mrs. Wilson added: "I think all the explosions were clear of the ships. Mr. L. Toogood, who was on the promenade, saw one of the machines fall at great speed, leaving a trail of smoke. It looked to be out of control."

For the second time, R.A.F. "blockade" planes-bombed German mine-sweeping planes that were waiting to leave their bases in the Frisian Islands.

The first time bombs were dropped by the "security patrols". The official German news agency dismisses the bombing by saying: "Isolated enemy aircraft attacked the Humberland Light last night in complete darkness, but only managed to drop a few bombs into the sea far outside the area of the German Islands."

Actually Britain is now running a full-scale air blockade of all German ports in the northern sea lanes. It goes on from dusk to dawn, seven nights a week—and so far without one British casualty.

French Deny Sending Arms To S. China

Indignant Reply To Japanese Reports

PARIS, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—A categorical official denial is given to the reports from Japanese sources that arms and munitions are being sent to South China by the French Indo-China railway.

It is stated that the insistence of these reports, which French circles are obliged to deny as regularly as they are circulated, appears to be the reflection of the desire of certain Japanese circles, particularly the military circles, to justify by military considerations the destruction by aerial bombardment of the last railway communication existing with that part of China which is free from Japanese occupation.

Chiefly U.S. Goods

The statement says that the greater part of the traffic on this line consists of goods from the United States.

If these allegations and bombardments are repeated, French circles will be tempted to think that despite the orientation of the Japanese Government, which does not desire difficult relations with Western Powers, these circles would be tempted to think that the military circles, which respect that they need not respect, with due discipline, the instructions coming to them from higher authorities and the Japanese Government.

Guns Fire As Band Plays

WHILE guns went off at one East Coast town visited by Nazi raiders, a band on the promenade continued to play a Christmas carol, the first few lines of which are:

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy
mild,

God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the
skies.

H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Bank \$1,365
H.K. Bank (Lon. Reg.) £. 85
H.K. Bank (H.K. Reg.) £. 87
Chartered Bank £. 85
Mercantile, A. & B. £. 28 1/2
Mercantile, C. £. 11 1/2
East Asia £. 78

INSURANCES

Canton \$207
Union \$400
China Underwriter \$14 1/2
H.K. Fire \$180

SHIPPING

Downsides \$72 1/2
Steamships \$11
Indo-China PS \$100
Indo-China D.S. \$80
Shell (Bearers) \$77 1/2
Waterboats \$7 1/2

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$102
Docks \$21 1/2
Providents \$4 1/2
New Era Sh. \$10 1/2
Sh. Docks Sh. \$24

Mining

Kallian \$18
Raub \$10
Venz. Gold \$4
H.K. Mines \$3 1/2

LANDS

Hotels \$5 1/2
Lands \$3 1/2
Shai Lands Sh. \$15
Humphreys \$3 1/2
H.K. Realities \$400
Chinese Estates \$101

UTILITIES

Trams \$17.60
Peak Trams (old) \$8
Peak Trams (new) \$4
Star Ferries \$6 1/2
Y. Ferries \$24
China Lights (old) \$7 1/2
China Lights (new) \$50
H.K. Electric \$50
Meaco Electric \$18 1/2
Sandakan Lights \$11 1/2
Telephones (old) \$25
Telephones (new) \$30
Traction (Pref.) \$19 1/2
Traction (Ord.) \$10 1/2

INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Mac. (Ord.) Sh. \$14.00
Cald. Mac. (Pref.) Sh. \$13
Canton Ice \$1.40
Cements \$18.10/18.5
H.K. Ropes \$6.10

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms (old) \$22.00
Dairy Farms (new) \$21 1/2
Vatsons \$0.25
Lane, Crawford \$7 1/2
Sinceres \$1.80
Wing On (H.K.) \$41
Powell, Ltd. \$1

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. \$34 1/2
Shai Cotton Sh. \$170
Zong Sing Sh. \$44
Wing On Textiles Sh. \$40 1/2

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments \$7
Constructions (old) \$14 1/2
Constructions (new) \$14
Vibro Piling \$0.50
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 \$80 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan \$101
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan \$80 1/2
Marsmans (Lon.) \$10 1/2
Marsmans (H.K.) \$4 1/2

SHIP AGROUND ON REEF

DARWIN, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The British steamer, Kerkur, 5,032 tons, bound for Melbourne from Singapore, went aground on a coral reef on the North Australian coast to-day.

There are 80 passengers on board. All are safe.

A vessel has gone to her assistance.

Envelope Should Have Read: Rear Admiral

NAVAL HERO'S SON WROTE TOO SOON

A WAKENED by his headmaster at a Sussex school, a sleepy-eyed boy learned that his father was to be knighted and had been promoted to the rank of rear-admiral.

The boy reflected for a moment. Then he said: "How sick father will be! I wrote a letter to him to-day and addressed him as commodore."

As he turned over and closed his eyes he was smiling happily.

The boy was Cyprian, 13-year-old son of Rear-Admiral Henry Harwood, who has been honoured by the King for his "gallant and successful action" with three British cruisers against the Graf Spee.

Rear-Admiral Harwood heard the news by wireless as he paced the bridge of the cruiser Ajax, waiting off Montevideo for the German pocket battleship to come out and fight again.

His knighthood is the first of this kind. He becomes a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath. Captains W. E. Parry (H.M.S. Achilles), C. H. L. Woodhouse (H.M.S. Ajax) and F. S. Bell (H.M.S. Exeter) are made companions of the same order.

Congratulations descended in a shower on Mrs. Joan Harwood, wife of the new rear-admiral.

To every message she returned the same reply: "There is only one message I have, and it is this: 'I am very proud that the King has honoured my husband.'"

Mrs. Harwood was Miss Joan Chord before her marriage in 1924. She said she was sure her husband would not approve the publicity which had attended his feat.

"He would not put it that he was only doing his duty," she said, and added, "I only hope that the rest of the engagement with the Graf Spee will turn out as well."

There is another son besides Cyprian. He is Stephen, aged seven. Boy boys have made up their minds to follow father's footsteps in the Navy.

THAT'S ALL

MR. A. C. SARRIE gives public notice to people who have been illegally picking tomatoes at Deloraine, St. Saviour, Jersey, that he will be shooting rabbits there every night from now on.

LETTERS

Shumchun Vegetables

To the Editor.
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir.—The production of garden vegetables at the refugee farm has reached a point where supplies are being brought to the city daily. Our list includes tomatoes, carrots, beet and lettuce, all of which are specially grown for salads, only satisfactory and broccoli are also available and they are entirely new crops for Hongkong.

Within the fortnight cauliflower, sauerkraut and red cabbage, sweet corn, beans and peas of different sorts will be ready for the public. These vegetables are all priced reasonably and carry our guarantee that they are hygienically wholesome.

We would like your readers to avail themselves of this opportunity by placing their orders to 25821, or writing to the Shumchun Rural Welfare Centre, Room 320, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Rd. Central.

EMILY KO,
Assistant Secretary.

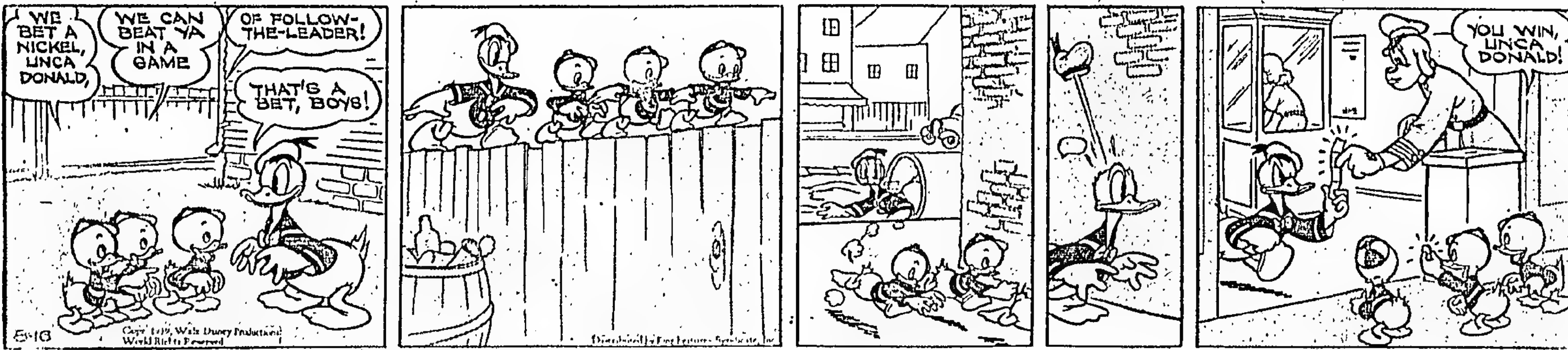
Stock Exchange Trading Quiet

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, although trading was quiet, gilt-edged securities rallied in the early dealings and maintained their improvement.

Profits were very steady, but other groups were inactive owing to the imminence of the reassembly of Parliament.

Wall Street was firm.

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Edgar Wallace Suspect

A BAN on British popular novels, which normally have a big circulation in Germany, is foreshadowed in the "Essener Zeitung," Goering's mouthpiece.

"Even in Edgar Wallace books and in those of John Buchan (Lord Tweedsmuir)

British propaganda is inserted in such a subtle way that it poisons the minds of Germans," the paper declares. "An end must be put to British anti-German propaganda by means of apparently harmless novels."

Flax Is Ulster's "Secret Weapon"

FLAX is Ulster's "secret weapon" in the economic war on Germany.

CURSES KEEP THEM AWAKE

"Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage."

SO wrote Colonel Lovelace, and Exeter agrees heartily with his sentiments. Prisoners in the city's jail are telling householders in adjoining roads all about their grievances. Their shouting and foul language have made sleep impossible during the night. The residents have had enough. They say that their nerves are on edge, and that something must be done about it. They have decided to petition the prison authorities. Leaders of the jail uproar are men transferred to Exeter from Wandsworth since the outbreak of the war. Accustomed to certain privileges applicable in long-term prisons, they object to the lack of these facilities.

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- F1532—Love Never Grows Old. In The Middle of A Dream.
- F1534—We'll Meet Again. You're for A Song.
- F1534—Wish Me Good Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye. I Poured My Heart into A Song.
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Daily Working Parties for Front Lines

B.E.F. MACHINE-GUN UNITS IN FRANCE

By DOUGLAS WILLIAMS

"Daily Telegraph" War Correspondent

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE.

Since the adoption of the Bren gun as an infantry arm, machine-gun battalions are comparatively scarce in the British Army, but I found one to-day snugly ensconced in billets behind the positions they have been digging.

Every day a working party goes forward to complete the strong points under construction which, in the event of emergency, the battalion will occupy with their guns.

The men, most of them Londoners, live in one of the best billets I have seen here in two months of visiting the British positions. A large park holds a number of pavilions, and in these company officers' sleeping quarters, sergeants' mess, canteen and officers' mess have been installed.

Drills and exercises go on all day on adjoining grass plots, where N.C.O.s and newly-joined officers, without distinction of rank, receive instruction from specially-trained sergeants in the handling of the Vickers guns with which the battalion is equipped.

Neatly-Made Beds Discipline and good spirits are alike excellent. Cheery smiles and busy work go happily together, and long experience in different parts of the Empire has knit the regiment together in cordial comradeship between officers and men.

In the sleeping quarters that I visited beds were neatly made up with straw mattresses tied inside a pillowcase bought locally. I was told, for only 1s. 4d. The wooden floor had been scrubbed scrupulously clean and the walls duly whitewashed.

In the canteen, beer of excellent quality was obtainable in unusually large bottles at about 4d., while cigarettes, chocolate, biscuits and other delicacies were being sold at cost price.

Hot tea was available every day in the morning and afternoon, and at night hot dogs in crisp rolls could be purchased. Business was brisk, and daily takings of £20 to £25 were, I was told, not uncommon.

The regiment possesses an unusually fine football team, which recently defeated the local French team by the remarkable score of 10 goals to 2, while the officers have discovered an abandoned golf course where, despite overgrown fairways and uncut greens, they are able to get a good game on Saturday afternoon.

In one hall, formerly a canteen, decorated with large wall paintings of Old King Cole, a stage has been erected consisting of a stout plank platform raised on large beer barrels, and here every week concerts and sing-songs are held.

"As I was leaving a staff car drove up and my escorting officer hurried off to meet it. 'Probably someone else, hoping to pinch our billet,' he muttered as he went off. 'I always thought it was too good to last.'

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"All Quiet on the Western Front" (Kling): Unimpaired version of Erich Maria Remarque's famous book. When the film was shown in Hongkong several years ago, certain scenes were cut by the censor. Following declaration of Second World War, Universal restored scenes, re-edited and modernized entire film. Low Ayres gives a particularly brilliant performance as Paul Baumer.

"Full Confession" (Queen): Murder melodrama. Story of Catholic priest's efforts to make murderer confess to crime revealed under seal of confession. Starring Victor McLaglen, Sally Eilers and Joseph Calleia.

"Reckless" (Alhambra): Texan rangers. Bob Allen stars as a ranch-riding ranger who avenges the death of his twin brother. Six-year old Buddy Cox, a newcomer to the screen, proves to be an excellent rider.

"Biondini" (Oriental): Horribly entertaining with an appeal to all types family audiences. The characters are taken from the famous daily comic strip. Penny Singleton takes the title role with Arthur Lake as her irresponsible young husband.

"Girls on Probation" (Majestic): Tragic story of prison probationary system's part in saving a young girl, persistently wrongly accused, who finally avails the law against the real offenders. Excellent performance by Jane Bryan in leading role.

FATHER WON'T LET HIM HAVE A MASK

A BOY living at Eastwood, Renfrewshire, is sent back from school every day because he hasn't got a gas mask. His father, a conscientious objector, won't let him have one. Renfrewshire Education Committee discussed the boy—and when a member asked how many at the meeting had brought their gas masks there was silence.

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

STRANGE FOODS FOR SOLDIERS

The German occupation has so denuded Western Poland that even the commonest articles cannot be bought in the shops. Nazi humorists, with nothing to laugh about on the home front, make merry over the plight of the Poles.

The "Koenigscher Zeitung" tells us how a peasant near Cracow tried to enlist the help of a Nazi soldier in buying some leather to repair his wife's shoes. The peasant stopped the soldier in the street and unable to speak German, presented his plea in writing.

The newspaper quotes this pathetic note, full of grammatical errors, in which the writer declared his admiration for the German "liberators" and ended with the request, "So will you please go with me to a shop and help me buy some leather to mend my wife's shoes."

"Of course," adds the report, "the German soldier quickly sent the peasant packing, but he got huge enjoyment out of the letter. It was written, no doubt, by a Jew, who got money out of the peasant for doing it."

Punch and Propaganda

Typical Punch and Judy shows for the troops and the Hitler Youth have made their appearance on the propaganda front. A week-end broadcast performance introduced an unfamiliar puppet—the lie-bird, who utters as loud as Mr. Churchill.

The Nazi Punch, a heavy-footed humorist, announced that Germany had a new weapon which the Allies could not use.

"What?" asked the lie-bird eagerly. "Is it a lie?" "No," was the reply, "the truth!" Collage of birds.

Propaganda which touches troubles nearer home may be expected from two other marionettes who made their debut in the same performance. These were Mr. Grumbler and Auntie Scrounger, a lady who tries to get food without a ration card.

Citric Acid and Salt Beverage

Compaigning in all climates is evidently foreseen by the German command, which issues a list of special food and drink being prepared for the troops. Among these are:

Pemmican sausage, based on the experiences of Polar explorers; A drink prepared largely from citric acid and cooking salt—"an excellent specific against sunstroke and fatigue";

Whale-meat—"as good as beef"; Cheese-powder, which is mixed with water to make Dutch cheese; and Dried potatoes and cabbage in packets the size of half-a-brick.

These last, it is said, are scarcely distinguishable from fresh vegetables, and are just as nourishing. None of the dishes is to be compared with the artificial foods which were so popular with the troops in the last war.

Theatres Short of Costumes

The greatest treasures of the German theatre are being dissipated by the impossibility of obtaining material for staging and dressing new plays. Every theatre has a valuable store of costumes and scenery built up during many years of repertory.

Now the shortage of material is forcing managers to cut up and remodel irreplaceable dresses and set-

London Men Held By Bandit

JAMES SHERIFF, 40-years-old car dealer, told Cardiff Bankruptcy Court to-day that he and a friend had been held captive by gunmen in a London flat and robbed of £1,800, which they had paid for a secret powder to turn water into wine and petrol.

Sheriff, whose address was given as Colum-road, Cardiff, had liabilities of £434 and assets of £16.

In his preliminary statement he said that about eight years ago he was asked by a friend, Mr. Garcia, who was a wine merchant and garage proprietor, to investigate a process in turn water into cheap wine and petrol.

The process, carried out by means of a secret powder, was known only to a Doctor Martinez.

Trial Run

Sheriff asked for a demonstration and at the doctor's request got a petrol tin and filled it with water. The doctor then gave him a slip of paper on which was written a process in turn water into cheap wine and petrol.

They went for a drive in Sheriff's car, and in the country the tank was drained and the contents of the tin poured in.

"To my amazement," said Sheriff, "the car fired as usual, and we continued on our journey. I felt this could not be true, and asked for another demonstration."

"As a result of the second test I became fully convinced that water could be turned into petrol."

Borrowed £600

The doctor, Sheriff continued, wanted £2,000 for the formula, but eventually it was agreed that Garcia should find £1,200, and he provided £600.

He borrowed the money from a firm of solicitors, and accompanied by Garcia, he went to a flat in Paddington with the money in dollar notes.

Before discussing the formula the doctor said he wanted the money. It was handed to him and he gave another demonstration—washing the print off one dollar bill and making it into one for 500 dollars.

Then the door suddenly opened and two men with revolvers walked in.

"We were cornered," said Sheriff, "and we offered no resistance. We were kept prisoners in the flat for a day and a night, and when we left we immediately went to Scotland Yard. When we returned with detectives the men had gone. The men in the flat spoke in a foreign language."

Answering Mr. Reginald Betts, the Official Receiver, Sheriff said: "We were not exactly prisoners in the flat, but we were told to keep quiet."

The examination was closed, Sheriff undertaking to pay £1 a month out of his earnings to his creditors.

things whenever a new play is produced. "We have never had to do this before," confessed the manager of Berlin's largest theatre in a week-end broadcast.

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2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Robinson Cleaver at the Organ—Medley (C. J. East, F. H. Hur-Lights; Mused Bands of the Guards; Bo-Boo; Little old Lady of Poverty Street; Red, White and Blue; Musical Sweethearts (Polly; Dinah; Nola; Daisy; Miss; Miss Annabelle Lee; Somebody stole my Gal).

6.15 Light Symphony Orchestra—Homage March (Haydn Wood), Concert Waltz—Joyousness (Haydn Wood), Mon Reve (Waldteufel), Bul Masque (Fletcher).

6.30 Closing stock quotations.

6.32 Harold Williams (Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra. The Merry-Go-Round, When the Harvest is in, Harold Williams; Bells Across The Meadow, The Phantom Melody, London Palladium Orchestra; In An Old Fashioned Town, If I Might Come To You, Harold Williams; These Foolish Things Selection, London Palladium Orchestra.

7.00 Dance Music by Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra with Young and Forsythe on Two-Phases—Did I Remember? A Star, Zet, Out Of Heaven, Maurice Winnick; Rumbas On Toast (La Cucaracha; Mama Inez; The Carols; Siboney; Arthur Young and Reginald Foresythe; You, A Pretty Girl Is Like A—Melody; Maurice Winnick; More Rumbas On Toast (Tony's Waltz; Side walks of Cuba; Green eyes; When Yuba plays the Rumba on the Tuba); Arthur Young and Reginald Foresythe; Some Other Time, On Treasure Island, Take My Heart, Maurice Winnick.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Time signal, weather report, announcements.

8.03 Piano Solos—Prelude In G Minor, Op. 23, No. 5 (Rachmaninoff), Mischev Levitzki; Prelude In B Flat (Rachmaninoff), Polshinelle (Rachmaninoff), Left Poulshinoff.

8.15 Rachmaninoff Symphony No. 2 in E Minor, Op. 27—Eugene Ormandy and the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 An Hour of the Latest Dance Music—There's Something Wrong With The Weather, Billy Cotton; In The Middle Of A Dream, Love Never Grows Old, Victor Silvester; Lady, Play Your Mandolin, Havana Novelty Orchestra; I Never Knew Heaven Could Speak, There's Danger In The Waltz, Victor Silvester; The Daughter of Mademoiselle From Armentieres, Harry Roy; Boom, I Get Along Without You Very Well, Jay Wilbur; Beer Barrel Polka, Harry Roy; Roses Are Blooming In Loveland, The Organ, The Dance Band and Mer; Tears From My Inkwell, You Grow Sweeter As The Years Go By, Jay Wilbur; Summer evening in Santa Cruz, The Moon remembered but you Forget, Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody; Merry and Bright, Keep Young, George Boulanger; F. D. R. Jones, Stairway To The Stars, Carroll Gibbons.

10.30 Selections from "T.M.S. Pinafore" (Sullivan), Coldstream Guards; "Monsieur Beaucaire" Vocal Gems (Messager), Light Opera Company; "Lilting Time" Selection, Organ Solo by Harry Davidson; "The Miracle" Selection (Humperdinck), London Symphony Orchestra.

11.00 London Relay—Phillip Baker on "Matters of Moment."

11.15 Close Down.

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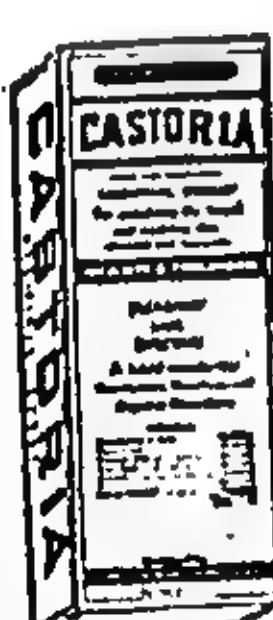
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Shipping Meets a Threat

Will destruction of merchant ships in the present war exceed the ability of world shipyards to make good the losses, particularly if the German thrust with submarines, mines, and raiders is sharpened?

During the Great War, German action accounted for the loss of 6,000 vessels, totalling some 12,800,000 tons, or about 25 per cent of the tonnage on hand prior to hostilities. The convoy system which cut British losses in the former conflict to about 5 per cent of the ships conveyed, can be counted on to-day to reduce losses sharply, unless new weapons appear.

The shipyards of the world are launching an estimated 200,000 tons of vessels a month, an amount almost equal to sinkings.

Even assuming intensified submarine activity and greater sinkings by mines which might jump destruction by 50 per cent, new construction is being accelerated to meet the threat. The British Government is giving assistance to shipping concerns in an unprecedented speed-up programme begun last spring. France has a million tons more of ships than in 1914 and is hastening launchings.

Neutrals have doubled, and United States quadrupled, the 1914 tonnage. Unless building is checked by effective air attacks or other means the shipping industry, it would appear, can be counted on to more than counterbalance sinkings with new launchings. It did so in 1914-18 and it is vastly more efficient now.

A Cheering Estimate

The quieter the Front the more active the political speculator. The air is alive with rumours of startling things that are about to happen, and especially in the internal affairs of Germany, but it is not incumbent upon anyone to give those stories full credence.

It is refreshing to turn to what an experienced and cool-headed Japanese Admiral has to say about the European situation—especially when his estimate hangs heavily on the side of the Allies.

Admiral Nakamura reminds us of the unpleasant fact that before the war Great Britain's potential enemies were Japan in the Pacific, Italy in the Mediterranean, and Germany in the North Sea, with Spain able to provide bases for the Axis Powers. But what at first came as a severe shock to the British people turned out to be one of the most fortunate things that could



THE FUEHRER: "What's going to happen if he stops dancing?"

Hunting The U-Boat

by Captain FRANK H. SHAW

How is it done? How does the U-Boat commander spot his prey? What does he see by means of the periscope? How can he tell whether a destroyer lurks behind the tramp? What happens to Hitler's floating oil depots? Captain Frank H. Shaw, the well-known naval writer, who has himself helped to hunt U-Boats, tells the full story here.

mainly totally submerged, even with number have been wounded—and a his periscope below the surface, and submarine's wound is often mortal. lies low. As I said: another chance will offer.

WITH his own engines stopped, even his dynamo closed down, there is little for a hunter searching for U-boats to work upon. But the experience gained in the last war, coupled with twenty years of peace-time experimenting, has taught our naval craftsmen a device of a lot!

How much we have learnt is evident from the statement by the Prime Minister as to the possible number of enemy craft attacked and destroyed. This is obviously an understatement. One reason for this is that the Admiralty require more evidence than the mere record of a smear of oil on the surface following an attack on a submarine, before admitting a successful action.

In the last war the commonest ruse adopted by the enemy was, on being even remotely attacked, to discharge a mortar or a rocket, thus causing the attacking ship, destroyer or trawler, to break off the fight on the assumption that only a cracked submarine could leak oil.

We submarine-hunters of the 1914-18 years had to bring incontrovertible proof of a submarine's destruction before earning any credit. If there were no human survivors, a cap ribbon, a fragment of uniform, a debris, or a reliable photograph had to be produced. So that, if there is actual proof that a number of U-boats have been dealt with so far, the safe assumption is that more than that

TAKING it by and large, we are not doing so badly.

Long before September 3, Hitler's U-boats were dispatched to their war stations. Depot ships for refuelling and restoring them were posted at strategic points.

One of the first steps taken by the Royal Navy has been to root out these depot ships—in anticipation of this situation. Since the depot ships are surface craft, and since we retain surface command of the seas, their destruction is inevitable in time. But such destruction is not advertised—oh, no! Perhaps when they are put down, one of our armed vessels may take post in place of its victim—so that the U-boat, denuded of fuel and supplies, blunders into a trap.

Or, perhaps the Nazi, being suspicious, may try to carry on without fuel and stores, and die of starvation. The losses of U-boats are not always listed, one reason being that it is impossible to keep track of undersea craft which meet with this dismal fate—of simply vanishing.

It is disclosing no secret to say that the most effective weapon against a submarine is a depth-charge. Such a bomb, of 300lb. weight, T.N.T., exploding under water, disturbs anything within a considerable radius.

If it doesn't crack the Nazi's hide it jolts him into sight, when guns can puncture him so satisfactorily that his escape is an impossibility, for a merchantman than of a U-boat—any punctured U-boat cannot dive; it dyes.

must make off on the surface—and its speed is not sufficient to allow it to elude the chasers that are instantly hot on its trail.

WHEN the U.S. joined forces with us in the last war they devised what they called the "Splotter Fleet"—a large number of speedy small craft, each carrying a dozen depth charges in packs; and when their hydrophones detected the presence of a submarine they ran a ring round it, sprinkling depth charges, as their commanding officer put it, "like confetti at a wedding." Their success was considerable.

We have small craft, faster, more powerful than the Splotter Fleet; and these warship ships are capable of putting down such a barrage as will finish any U-boat, if within its radius of action.

Many cases are cited in the last war of merchantmen defeating a U-boat at its own game by dodging and the wise use of engines; and the Red Ensign crowd learn quickly. The Nazi may forget that he is not attacking ships any more—merchantmen have been taught how to elude him, if no armed vessel is available to splinter him completely.

THERE'S a regular armada of anti-submarine craft very much at war with Fritz. In the last war we used Q-boats to decoy the U-boat to its doom—but once their secret was disclosed their utility vanished. Instead we have the "planes of the R.A.F. and the Fleet Air Arm. These are a weapon not much used in 1914-18. The aeroplane to-day is a fine weapon against submarines. There was nothing wrong with the recent rescue of a torpedoed crew by two seaplanes—and if that SOS had been delivered a little earlier the Nazi must inevitably have perished.

Weighing up the facts, I would far rather be the captain of an unarmed merchantman than of a U-boat—any

Doctor of the Old School

OUR doctor is by way of being a "character." He is a large, untidy-looking man, who seldom needs to carry a bag because of the capacious pockets which he favours in his old top-coat. These are always bulging with medicine bottles, boxes of pills, strange instruments, and a supply of "black boots," which the doctor sucks with great enjoyment as he goes on his rounds.

"The doctor," as everybody calls him, has no desire to career about the countryside in a motor car, which, in any case, would help him little, since many of his patients live in outlying cottages whose only approach is by a hillside path. Instead he sticks to his old bicycle, which has been right by his name Methuselah by the villagers, and which can be heard long before it is in sight.

We are used to a vision of the doctor, a stethoscope protruding from his pocket and a "black boot" bulging in his cheek, speeding down the village street with terrified hens fluttering about in the way of Methuselah's ancient wheels.

Fortunately he has a sense of humour, which stands him in good stead when he is called out to some patient whose ailments are entirely imaginary, and he has many pawky tales to tell of his experiences.

One of his favourites, which he relates with great gusto, concerns a miserly old shepherd whose only son became seriously ill one night. The doctor was sent for, and when he

arrived at the hillside cottage and began to make his examination, the old miser interrupted him with: "Noo, see here, doctor, afore ye gang any faurer, let me tell ye this. Gan ye think he's no' worth repairing, dinna pit oot muckle expense on him."

On another occasion he was called to a cottage which resembled a "midden" in its untidiness, to examine a small boy who was ailing. "I hope there's no muckle wrang wi'oor Tam," said the slatternly mother, anxiously.

"No, nothing much," said the doctor gravely. "I think some soap and water would do him as much good as anything."

"Mexty me," said she in a relieved voice: "that's cheap medicine. Wull I gie it to him afore or efter meals, doctor?"

On almost every cottage window-sill, beside the inevitable geranium plant, reposes a bottle of the doctor's medicine. The contents are harmless enough. "It's the psychology that counts," says the old doctor with a chuckle. He knows only too well that the goodwives are too well happy as when discussing their "complaints"; and a bottle from the doctor is thought to be a certain cure for all ailments. Indeed, should he prescribe anything else, his patients are most indignant and refuse to pronounce themselves cured until he has presented them with a bottle of highly-coloured liquid.

The doctor is a great favourite among the children who, far from

dreading his visits, look forward to his arrival with great delight. Their aches and pains are forgotten once the old man is by their bedside, spinning long, impossible yarns for their benefit, and promising them a ride on Methuselah as soon as they are well enough to get up. This is a never-failing tonic, for they love to trundle up the village street with the doctor holding them firmly on his bicycle.

In winter the doctor's task is often a very hard one. He has to tramp many miles up snow-clad braes to reach his outlying patients and to minister to their needs, real or imaginary.

"Oh, doctor, what's the matter wi' ma tongue?" asked an anxious wife who was in the habit of "clashing" with her neighbours.

"Nothing much," he replied, soothingly. "It's just needing a rest."

The doctor is a keen botanist, and spends his free hours studying plants of all descriptions. This hobby of his amazes the villagers and is a great source of annoyance to old Mrs. M'Tosh, who suffers from the "pains" and who is always calling him in at unlikely hours. One day when he arrived rather late to visit her, she greeted him with, "H'm," so ye've condescended to come at last. It's a peety I hanna been a puddock-stool an' ye wad ha' been here first thing i' the mornin'."

The doctor lives in a big house as untidy as himself, and is looked after

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"Gullivers Travels On Screen"

HOLLYWOOD (UP).—Dave Fleischer, the movie producer who dares not look the California Chamber of Commerce in the face, came out from his Miami, Florida headquarters to put the finishing touches on America's second full-length cartoon movie.

Walt Disney's "Snow White" was the first. The Fleischer brothers' "Gulliver's Travels" is number two. Disney is working hard on "Pinocchio" as number three and several other cartoon productions. We would not be surprised if the birds and beasts of the cartoon features were competing soon with the Gables and the Crawfords. But that has nothing to do with Fleischer and his troubles with the California boosters.

Cost \$1,500,000

For the past 18 months he, his brother Max, and nearly 700 employees have been busy in their Miami studios, putting Gulliver's adventures on celluloid. This has cost them \$1,500,000 so far and has gained them great favour with the citizens of Florida.

Fleischer blushed when asked point-blank why he did not make his movies in Hollywood. He looked carefully to right and left to see whether any native sons were present, and said: "We used to make our pictures in New York. But we got too crowded and we started looking around for larger quarters. Florida offered us land tax free for the next 20 years. We did not notice any such offer from California, so we came here. We are glad we came. Living conditions are ideal, prices are not too high and our whole staff is enjoying life in Miami."

When a man like Fleischer makes a cartoon and sells it for national distribution, that, surprisingly, is only the beginning of his business. Paramount will put Gulliver in theatres all over the land—and some 300 concerns will put him in other places.

Paintings Sold

A New York art dealer has contracted for all the thousands of paintings that went into the manufacture of the film. Most of them will be sold for around \$10 each. But some of the more elaborate ones—beautiful pieces of art, really—will bring \$500 each, Fleischer said.

Ten cent stores already are stocking up on Gulliver books, illustrated with scenes from the picture. One of the biggest soap companies is making bath tablets in the hero's likeness.

There are Gulliver dresses, handkerchiefs, scarves, ash trays, coast plates, highball glasses, tie pins, book ends, reading lamps, radios, medallions, writing tablets, balloons, puzzles, balls, flash lights, sweat shirts, and so on, almost ad infinitum. All these articles will be in the market by December 1, in plenty of time for the Christmas trade, and the Fleischer will get a royalty from every one.

When Disney made "Snow White" he encountered some "little" trouble from squeamish parents who thought some of the scenes were too terrible for their youngsters to see. The Fleischer's hope to escape such threats to the box office. They have censored the film and censored it again in hope of producing giggles in place of chills.

British Submarines Said Lost

Berlin, Jan. 16. A High Command communiqué states that the British submarines Starfish and Undine were destroyed in Heligoland Bight by German defence measures. A part of the crews were rescued.—United Press.

Three Losses Admitted

The British Admiralty in a communiqué issued to-day stated that the submarines Undine, Starfish and Seahawk have failed to either report or return to their bases, and must therefore be presumed lost. The German communiqué states that two of these vessels, the Undine and Starfish, were sunk in a naval engagement in the Heligoland Bight, some of the crews being rescued.—Reuter.

Nazi U-Boat Attacked

Paris, Jan. 16. It is revealed that a U-boat was either destroyed or scuttled by the narrowest margin when it was attacked by a French warship as it was about to dive.—Reuter.

Mr. Churchill To Speak On War

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, will speak on the progress of the war on Saturday. His speech will be broadcast from Daventry.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The Senate has confirmed the President's nomination of Mr. Frank Murphy, the Attorney General, to the Supreme Court, and Mr. Robert Jackson as Attorney General in his place.

PREMIER REVIEWS THE HOME FRONT

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Commons, and if at any time the Commons think a change desirable, I shall accept their decision like Mr. Hore-Belisha without complaint.

Only One Criterion

"In the meantime, I judge all matters on one criterion—whether they will or will not contribute towards an early and successful conclusion of the war. (Cheers.)

"In the present case, my personal friendship for Mr. Hore-Belisha and my recognition of Mr. Hore-Belisha's great services draw me in one direction.

"My consciousness of the difficulties to which I have alluded pointed to another conclusion.

Accepts Responsibility

"I had to make up my mind which course would best serve the interests of the country. In the exercise of my judgment, I came to a conclusion, for which I take the fullest responsibility.

Mr. Chamberlain said he appreciated the tone and spirit of Mr. Hore-Belisha's statement, putting before all personal considerations one object, namely, that of service to the country for the purpose of winning the war.

"I knew that he was anxious to make his contribution towards that object, and I trust that it may not be long before he finds an opportunity to do so," concluded Mr. Chamberlain.

Far East Situation

Mr. Chamberlain referred to the East and said that the situation continued to be dominated by the hostilities between China and Japan.

"While there are as yet no definite indications that might warrant an optimistic forecast of a peaceful settlement in the near future, we have welcomed the recent action by the Japanese Government in the direction of relaxing some of the restrictions which, from time to time, have caused difficulty and tension in the relations with third Powers."

Mr. Chamberlain then stated that the United Kingdom had received news from New Zealand for overseas would shortly take their places where they were most needed.

He concluded: "At the moment there is a lull in the operations of the war, but at any time within a few weeks, or even a few hours, the lull may be broken by events which will reshape the history of the world."

Mr. Attlee's Speech

Mr. Clement R. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition, who followed Mr. Chamberlain, said that it would be ungenerous to deny that during his period at the War Office Mr. Hore-Belisha had effected some notable reforms.

On the other hand, it was ridiculous, as had been alleged in some organs of the popular Press, that he did them alone.

There undoubtedly had been among soldiers the realisation of the need for moving with the times, and in these reforms he was sure Mr. Hore-Belisha had the active co-operation of many distinguished soldiers.

Mr. Hore-Belisha had rather hinted that his resignation was due to his reforms on the lines of demoralisation being unpalatable in certain quarters, and it was right that they should have an explicit denial from the Government that there was any intention of changing the progress of democratisation of the army.

War Cabinet Criticised

The Labour Opposition were not happy regarding the change or the transfer of Mr. Oliver Stanley from the Board of Trade. They might require a very strong man at the War Office, and he hoped that Mr. Stanley would carry on the line of reforms, and make changes in the organisation of the War Office.

The public were surprised at this change because there were other changes which they would have welcomed.

The War Cabinet was on the wrong basis and should not be composed of busy departmental ministers, he concluded.

Stinting Praise

Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Liberal Leader, said that the Opposition Liberals had been critics of Mr. Hore-Belisha, but now that he had resigned it was only fair to acknowledge the achievements which he had attained at the War Office. At the same time it was a great mistake to suppose that he was and remained the sole champion of these reforms.

They did not spring from Mr. Hore-Belisha's mind and will alone; they represented the will of the people of this country expressed in Parliament of which Mr. Hore-Belisha was the instrument.

"I Deny It Absolutely"

LONDON, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—In the course of the debate in the House of Commons following Mr. Chamberlain's statement, Col. J. C. Wedgwood pressed Mr. Chamberlain to reply to the suggestions that Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation was due to prejudices against his being a Jew. The Prime Minister said that he hardly thought that statement worth denying, but "I deny it absolutely."

Graf Spee Captives Back Home

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The British officers and men who were captured by the Graf Spee have arrived at Tilbury.

They will proceed to the Admiralty to report about their experiences aboard the raider.

Exchange At A Glance

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Infantile Paralysis

Six Cases With Two Deaths Reported

Manila, Jan. 15.

La Salle College has been placed in close quarantine as the result of the death of a student, named Agiero Sison, from infantile paralysis.

Joan Crecozner, the eleven-year-old daughter of Lieutenant Commander J. D. Crecozner, Senior Surgeon of U.S.S. Blackhawk, has also been sent to hospital with the same complaint. As a result the 5th Grade of the American School has been closed.

In the past three weeks there have been six cases of infantile paralysis resulting in two deaths.

Although the Health Department authorities have not expressed undue alarm, they say they are urgently in need of serum which has been shipped from the Shriners Hospital at Los Angeles and is due to arrive by the Philippine Clipper on Friday.—United Press.

American School Closed

Manila, Jan. 16. The authorities of the American School, which has an enrolment of 300 American, English and German children, have decided as a precautionary measure to close the school indefinitely as a result of cases of infantile paralysis.

The private clubs have closed their swimming pools to American and European children and advised them to avoid gathering in groups.

Health officials reiterate there is no fear of an epidemic, but it is believed that sweeping precautions are advisable.—United Press.

Oil-Tanker Goes Down Crew Is Rescued

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).

—Coast Guards on the south-west coast this afternoon saw an oil-tanker suddenly burst into flames.

Life-boats put out but the ship speedily broke in half and disappeared.

It is understood that a patrol boat rescued the crew.

The tanker's tonnage is estimated at 8,000. Her name is unknown.

A watcher from the shore declares that he saw what seemed to be a submarine beside the doomed vessel.

Berlin Coal Shortage

No Hot Water For Many Tenants

BERLIN, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—In Germany the present coal shortage for house-holders is apparently regarded as likely to continue, for Berlin tenants who cannot get hot water at all are to have their rents reduced by five per cent.

The "lucky ones" who can have central heating and hot water on Fridays and Saturdays will have to pay full rent.

All Berlin schools are to be closed indefinitely because of the coal shortage.

Tsinan Shops Mulcted

Because They Dealt In British Goods

PEIPING, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—Chinese reports from Tsinan state that 77 shops dealing in British goods, on the grounds that they failed to register their goods, have been fined sums a quarter of their total value.

Any shops failing to pay the fine before February 14, it is reported, have been threatened to have their proprietors paraded through the streets.

For further dealings in British goods, the shops are told that they would be fined half their total value.

TRAGIC LOSS OF THREE BRITISH SUBMARINES

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The three vessels cost approximately £225,000 each. The only other British submarine lost during this war, was H.M.S. Oxley, formerly of the Australian Navy, which blew up.

Nazis Claim To Have Destroyed Two

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that during the past week three British submarines did not return to their bases, nor have they reported.

It is feared that they must be regarded as lost.

They were the Seahorse, Undine and Starfish.

All the three submarines, says the Admiralty communiqué, were "engaged on particularly hazardous service."

The loss of two of the mentioned submarines is referred to in a German High Command communiqué, which says that they were destroyed by "German defence measures" in Heligoland Bight and that part of the crew were saved.

These are the first British submarines to have been sunk by enemy action during the present war.

Big Loss Of Life Likely

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The three British submarines, whose loss was announced to-day, carried a total of over 100 men.

The Starfish and Seahorse each had a complement of 40 and the Undine had 27.

Fire Follows Breakdown

Exciting Adventure For British Ship

PANAMA, Jan. 16 (Reuter).

—One of Britain's latest freighters, Merchant Prince (5,265 tons) was towed into Bilboa by the British steamer, California Star, after she had mysteriously broken down 800 miles out at sea.

While the vessel was drifting hopelessly as the result of the breakdown a fire suddenly broke out among the wood stored on deck.

The fire was extinguished after five hours.

The British Consul General at Bilboa is conducting investigations. The Captain of the Merchant Prince commends the conduct of the crew.

Billions For Warships

Colossal Estimates For United States

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).

—New warships costing \$2,276,000,000 will be needed by 1945 in order to complete the navy's current and proposed construction programme, according to Admiral Harold Stark's testimony before the House of Representatives' Naval Committee.

New Army A's Wanted

Meanwhile, the Secretary of War, Mr. Woodring, appearing before the House Military Affairs Committee, appealed for the Committee's support for the new arms funds.

"Up to this winter, our army has not been 'an army in being,'" said Mr. Woodring, adding that such an army as opposed to one on paper would enable America to "speak with authority for peace."

HONGKONG REFUGEES

Little Change Shown In Local Camps

The numbers of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps in urban and rural areas are given officially as follows:

In urban areas, civilians.—King's Park 1,329 for the week ending on January 13, as compared with 1,333 on January 6; Ma Tau Chung 1,147, as compared with 1,139 and North Point 1,482, as compared with 1,430.

In urban areas, soldiers.—In hospital 25 on January 13, as compared with 12 on January 6 and Argyle Street 670, as compared with 710.

Rural areas.—At Kam Tin 1,051 on January 13, as compared with 1,017 on January 6; San Uk Ling 690, as compared with 608 and Gills Cutting 338, as compared with 343.

The grand total on January 13 was 7,511, as compared with 7,495 on January 6, showing an increase of 16.

Air From Americans

Chungking, Jan. 16. A message from New York reports that the "One Bowl of Rice" movement organised by the people in New York in aid of Chinese war refugees is being pushed in 280 large cities in the United States. Over US\$17,000 has been raised.—Central News.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 17, 1900. The Journal "El Imparcial" of Madrid publishes a telegram from Barcelona stating that the authorities in that city have discovered some documents and proclamations destined for the Philippine Islands, tending to loosen the bonds of union between that colony and the mother country.

A Japanese paper gives additional details of the plot to assassinate the King of Korea. It appears that there is a widespread belief among the mass of the people in the peninsula that the regime of the present dynasty is drawing to a close.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 17, 1916. Reuter's correspondent at Rome reports that the King, who has visited all the earthquakes in his time, declares that this surpasses even Messina, as only 3 per cent. of the population of Avezzano are alive, while at Messina there were 50 per cent. The violence was unprecedented.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 17, 1930. Britain's suggestion that battleships be treated like submarines and abolished has been somewhat surprised official circles in Washington, and it is believed that in view of the attitude of Japan and the United States who favour retaining battleships, the suggestion will be rejected like the proposal of Britain and the United States to abolish submarines.

A great national stock-taking on the advantages and disadvantages of Prohibition was carried out to-day, the tenth anniversary of "Dry America." Debates on the subject were heard in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, and both concluded resolutions in favour of the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment being referred to committees.

The New York "Herald" remarks that the anniversary is being celebrated with the most genuine enthusiasm and gratitude in 36,000 New York speak-ers, where a small whisky and soda is being retained at a dollar instead of ten cents as in former days. Chief Prohibition Commissioner Doran has issued a statement: "The big bootleggers are largely eliminated. The small ones are being rounded up."

Admiral Chan Chak, Commander-in-Chief of the Kwangtung Provincial Fleet, has landed on Hainan island and occupied Hoihow without opposition.

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 17, 1935. The Secretary for the Navy, Mr. Claude Swann, declares that the United States has no immediate plans for fleet construction or battleship modernisation beyond completing its treaty strength.

The new 15,000 toner Potomac, slated to be launched recently, is being launched in Berlin in the presence of Herr Hitler, will be ready for the Far East service of the Hamburg-American Line next summer. She was launched at Hamburg to-day by General Friedrich, the Chief Burgomaster.

Paraguay plans to resign from the League of Nations in the event of the League accepting the recommendation of the Advisory Committee which suggests that an arms embargo be raised against Paraguay in favour of Bolivia. Paraguay contends that such a one-sided embargo would be unjust because it is held that Bolivia is the aggressor in the Gran Chaco war.

U.S. JAPAN TRADE RELATIONS

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friendly relations with another power while maintaining an independent position.

Mr. Arita said that he intended, in readjusting relations with the United States, to pursue the policy of his predecessor. In order to reconstruct the traditional friendship between Japan and the United States, the Foreign Minister asserted, the relations of the two countries should first be normalised. In this sense, the new cabinet would endeavour to clear out a way for all pending questions with the United States, one after another.

Re-opening Of Yangtze

If the United States appraised Japan's firm attitude correctly, he believed that the United States would reciprocate Japan's constructive spirit in normalising the relations of the two countries.

With regard to the reopening of the Yangtze up to Nanking, the Foreign Minister declared that it was decided on Japan's initiative as demonstrated by the fact that the Hiroshima Cabinet decided on the basic policy of re-opening the Yangtze.

Preparations for the re-opening of the river, he added, were now being pushed.

Turning to the relations of Japan and the Soviet Union, Mr. Arita said that the anti-Comintern Pact was one thing and the friendly relations between Japan and the Soviet another.

Recalling that he, as Foreign Minister, participated in the conclusion of the tri-partite anti-Comintern Pact, Mr. Arita pointed out that it was the fixed policy of the Japanese Government to maintain friendly relations with the Soviet Union irrespective of the anti-Comintern Pact.

ROYAL FAMILY IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Their Majesties the King and Queen, with the two Princesses, returned to London from Sandringham, where they have been staying since just before Christmas.

The King held a Privy Council at Buckingham Palace, and handed Mr. Oliver Stanley his seal of office as Secretary for War.

Sir John Reith, the New Minister of Information, was sworn in and both were later received by the King in audience.

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Around The Courses

COUNTRY CLUB COMPETITIONS

Surprise Results In Women's Championship

COTTON CONTINUES TO COLLECT FOR WAR FUND

(By "Birdie")

THE ANNUAL MATCH between the President's and Captain's teams at the Country Club, which was to have been held this Sunday, has been postponed to a later date, probably during the Chinese New Year holidays. Singles will be played in the morning, and foursomes in the afternoon. There is usually a headache attached to this game, as it is followed by a dinner for which the losing side pays. Entries are post entries, and the teams will be divided as evenly as possible as far as handicaps are concerned.

Surprising developments in the women's championship have been the eliminations of Miss Sequeira and Mrs. Remedios by Miss L. G. Ablong and Mrs. A. J. Kew respectively. The latter two, who are the finalists, are also sisters.

The Sequeira-Ablong postponed match was played on Saturday last, and the latter's win was a meritorious one. It does not belittle the feat to state that the loser had definitely an off-day. Miss Sequeira went round in 60 and 53, while Miss Ablong returned 49 after doing the first nine in 52.

Miss Sequeira turned two up, but the first four holes of the second nine were disastrous, being 7, 6, 7, 6, and on the 14th she was two down. It was one of those days when nothing seemed to go right. Her bright spot was a birdie 3 for the 9th, which is a treacherous dog-leg of 270 yards' narrow fairway, with a beckoning out-of-bounds to catch the merest slice and a long ditch to the right to penalise a hook.

Miss Ablong's success could be attributed to her execution of excellent shots at critical times. Her finest for the day was a perfect "explosion" from the bunkers around the difficult 16th, being at that stage one up and three to go. She inched within a yard of the pin, and made herself dormant two.

She continued her form on the following day and beat Miss M. Mooney 6 and 4 in the semi-final, after being 4 up at the turn.

Mrs. A. J. Kew eliminated Mrs. C. Remedios by the surprisingly big margin of 5 and 4. Having gone round in 45 and 48, Mrs. Remedios' 40 for the first nine holes, Mrs. Kew was one up at the turn—which was as close as was expected. But the first four holes of the second nine were as disastrous for Mrs. Remedios as they had been for Miss Sequeira—7, 6, 7, 6—and losing all four, the match ended on the 14th green.

The odds, then, are very much in favour of Mrs. Kew's retaining the women's title which she won at year.

PROFESSIONAL golfers at Home continue to collect money for the British Red Cross Fund, and to date have collected something like £5,000. Of this sum Henry Cotton's matches have contributed about £2,800, which by now must be over £3,000.

Cotton and R. Burton (Sale), the Open Champion, beat the amateur Bentley brothers, A. L. and H. G., by 6 and 5 at Hickshy, and the spectators, who numbered over 1,000, subscribed £250, of which £42.10s. was gained from an auction of the balls. Two further matches were when

A. Perry and A. Compston beat Cotton and G. Oke by 4 and 3 at Fulwell, and when A. Padgham beat C. on 3 and 2 at Sundridge Park.

These games were on consecutive days—the first brought £103, and the second £220. In the latter game, Padgham sold his putter for £14.

ANOTHER of those peculiar incidents of golf occurred during a recent match in Australia. A player on the green was about to putt, when another player approached from about 180 yards and his ball struck the poised putter making it hit the ball.

The approaching player could either have not seen the green or did not think he could hit that far. That, however, is by the way. The question raised was whether there had been a stroke or not. I don't think so, but what have been the case had the ball been holed!

I read the other day of a most extraordinary shot (fluke if you like). A player found his ball in a deep hole, and in his efforts to get it out with his iron he only succeeded in hitting the ball on the top causing it to spin three or four feet into the air.

While it was flying up, the player swung at it again with his iron and not only hit it to the green, but holed out!

WHILE the Germans have retained the services of the British professional at Hamburg to continue teaching golf, from Paris comes the report that golf there is very dead. Percy H. Boomer, brother professional at the St. Cloud Country Club with A. Boomer, says that his only boy in the shop spends his time baling cigarettes.

Incidentally, the Golfer's Handbook (1938) states that the only British professional at either of the three golf courses in Hamburg is T. C. Gillett, and he is at the Reinbek-Wohlfahrt, G. C.

LATEST hole-in-one was G. W. Reeve at the Deep Water Bay course last Sunday. He has joined the select but growing band, for these feats are being performed almost every year at either Fanling, Kowloon, Happy Valley or Deep Water Bay.

I am not sure about the records of the Shot-O Country Club, but can definitely state that it has not yet been done at the Country Club.

One scientist once wrote that if a million monkeys were set to type aimlessly at a million typewriters for an indefinite period, there would come a time when one of the monkeys would reproduce a perfect sonnet from Shakespeare!

The primary reason why the hole-in-one feat has not yet been done at the Country Club, I should say, is because the greens (being sand) are harder to play, and secondary (but no less importance) the relative numbers of players is vastly less. There is no evading admission of the element of luck that is attached to these performances, though it is also true that the application of skill in accuracy and distance must be there.

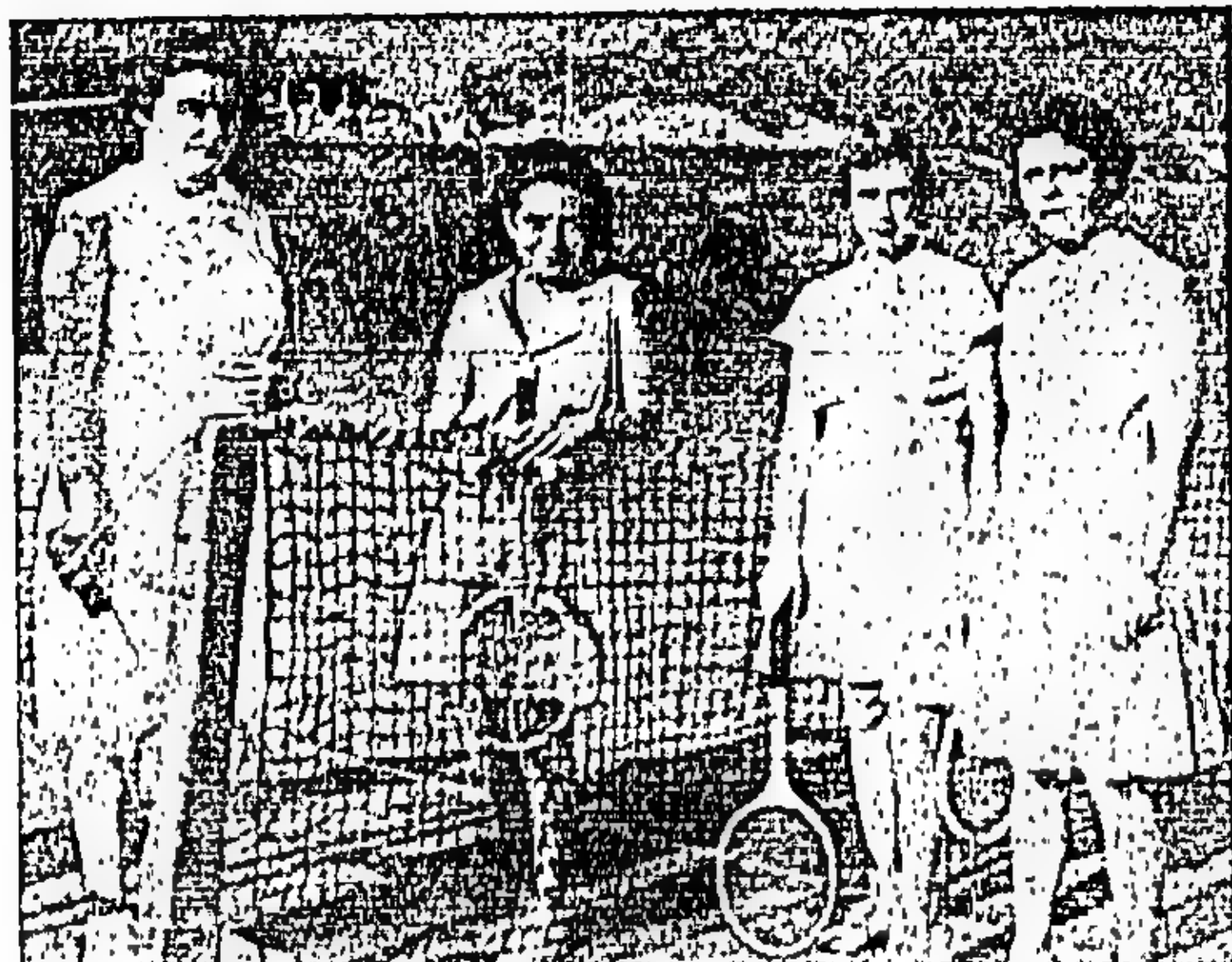
However, the penalties attached to "wing-in-one, if the Club is crowded, make the feat one to be avoided rather than emulated.

A demand has been made at Home in some quarters recently that golf clubs should contribute towards the national effort to purchase land under the plough.

Naturally such demand has met with considerable opposition, but nothing is likely to be done since the powers-that-be have issued no recommendation and state that it could not be made a practical proposition for a variety of reasons, among which would be the cost of levelling bunkers and otherwise preparing the land for cultivation.

It was also pointed out that clubs which had spent thousands on making a course could not be expected to give it up without compensation. Somebody wrote that golf courses could be put to sheep grazing, and for this, as a matter of fact, they are of great value.

FANLING HUNT FINANCES



Doubles semi-finalists in the women's tennis championship of the Colony played at the United Services Recreation Club last Sunday. Reading left to right: Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Linton, Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. Lade. The first named pair won the match by 6-1, 6-2.—Mee Cheung.

Successful Year For The Race Club

A RECORD CROWD at the Fanling Race meeting at Kwanti on Boxing Day, a doubling of commissions from special sweeps, and increased profits from the race meetings as compared with those of the previous season were the cheerful notes struck in the annual report of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club delivered by Mr. M. M. Watson, Chairman, at the annual meeting held yesterday.

Mr. Watson said: The very successful year has made our financial position less acute than at this time last year. A profit of \$127 was made on the stable account, compared with a loss of \$587 last year. In some measure this has been due to the new system of stable supervision by the R. A. Polo Pony Club and we should like to thank them for their help.

I think we must always have a loss on the Hunters' Arms working account in view of the fact that our expenditure carries on throughout the year, whereas the period of income is confined to the short racing season, but nevertheless this loss has been reduced by more than \$500, due to the excellent and generous service given to us by Mrs. Alice Fotts and her husband. I am sure that all members are grateful and are appreciative of the increased comfort now enjoyed at the Hunters' Arms.

SWEEPS COMMISSION UP

In the Kwanti Race Course account, which is our main source of income, each of the meetings showed a considerable profit over that of last year and in addition, the commission from special sweeps was doubled.

The cost of the drag hounds for the year was \$3,170, compared with \$1,610, and the reason for this can easily be seen in the account which is handed the Fanling Hunt Drag Hound and contains the details. In this account it will be noticed that the upkeep of kennels showed an increase of \$1,400, and in addition, essential repairs and renewals cost the Club \$500.

We have written off the cost of hounds which last year were shown as an asset in the balance sheet, with which procedure, I think you will agree.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

LAST SEASON was one of the most successful in the history of the Club and, so far as the race course is concerned, the recent meeting we had on Boxing Day at Kwanti was also probably a record. At our last meeting we were not expecting the very large number of people who attended and consequently the preparations were not what they might have been for such a large number. However, since that last meeting one or two improvements have been made and further accommodation provided; and I trust even if on Sunday next we have anything like the number of people who attended last time, they will not be inconvenienced by overcrowding.

Doubtless owing to the uncertain times the number of people hunting is very much fewer than it has been in the last few years and consequently the number of people available for steeplechase or hurdle races has been considerably curtailed. We have, however, with the substitution of one or two flat races, made up a programme which I believe was an attractive one.

Badminton

Taikoo Beat K.C.C. In Mixed Doubles

Playing at home, Taikoo beat the K.C.C. 8-1 in the mixed doubles section of the Badminton League last evening. J. Clark and Mrs. Beattie (Taikoo) beat J. R. Anderson and Miss Stokes 21-12; beat A. L. Fisher and Mrs. Smeby 21-10; beat J. Merrett and Miss Parsons 21-7. R. Main and Mrs. Main beat Anderson and Miss Stokes 21-8; beat Fisher and Mrs. Smeby 21-9; beat Merrett and Miss Parsons 21-7. O. Gillies and Miss Cunningham lost to Anderson and Miss Stokes 6-21; beat Fisher and Mrs. Smeby 23-22; beat Merrett and Miss Parsons 21-7.

SPORTSMEN WHO DID NOT KNOW PAIN

Courageous Examples From Athletic History

ONE OF THE MANY queer traits in the human race, which even the scientists cannot quite figure out, concerns the capacity to absorb pain, writes Claude Corbett in the Sydney Sun.

Pain, to many humans, is a distinct and wrecking shock. To others it is a minor matter. And it isn't always a question of courage.

Down through the years I have seen many examples of this. Men have flinched from going down on the ball at the feet of players in a head-long Rugby rush.

Others have dived into the melee of lashing boots and been apparently immune to the sinking of leather into their anatomy. They have done it again and again. So pain must have been foreign to them.

And I have seen those men who would not drop on the ball, except in desperate situations, stagger about after a heavy tackle, continuing in the game although obviously suffering agony. So their courage could not be doubted.

It has been the same in the boxing ring. Men have fought on with gapping facial wounds, evidently oblivious to pain. Others winced every time a blow landed upon a sore spot. They fought on just the same.

TEETH

THROUGH LOWER LIP

I SAW Pat O'Keefe, the London Irishman, fight Dave Smith at the Sydney Stadium in 1939 with his teeth through the lower lip.

To an ordinary fighter, every punch would have been agony. But Pat kept going, flat-footed, after his man throughout the 20 rounds. Smith won on points. In their second fight, Smith knocked O'Keefe out in the 17th round.

An American writer has something to say on the subject. Henry Armstrong, who declares, has been fighting for two years with a pair of hands that would have wrecked an ordinary mortal.

They have been fights where Armstrong had to force stiff and swollen fingers into the gloves, he declares, and adds, "He had to bend and shove them in."

The pain at times, Armstrong said, was so bad he had to start hooking with the flat of his hand. He just had to keep his fingers out of it.

Armstrong has proved that with battered and swollen painful hands and a badly cut lip, he can take heavy punishment and still keep under way.

"THE DURABLE DANE"

THEN there is the story about Butling Nelson, once lightweight champion of the world. "The Durable Dane," they called him. And he was!

Once, on the morning of a fight, attention was attracted to a knuckle on Nelson's right hand—swollen more than twice its normal size. It had a rainbow tinge—including blue, black and yellow.

"No one can fight with a hand like that," a friend remarked. Nelson's answer was a punch at the wall. "It doesn't even hurt," he said. "Young Corbett hit me over the heart, just like he did Terry McGovern; he knocked me down and broke one of my ribs," Nelson told his audience.

"That didn't hurt either," he added, "I got up from the floor, nailed him on the jaw and knocked him out the

next round. His best punch didn't even sting me."

Nelson was the type that knows no pain. On the other hand, Bombardier Billy Wells, a fine boxer and a terrible puncher, couldn't stand up against a slight breeze. Wells wasn't built to take punishment, but the question of courage didn't enter into it.

Bert Oldfield once kept wickets throughout a Test Match with two broken ribs. And Johnny Taylor, when he made the last wicket record in a Test with Arthur Mailey, had a boil on the calf of a leg against which the strap of his pad rubbed all the time.

They are further examples of how men can stand up against pain in a pinch. Nobody would have accused either Oldfield or Taylor of lacking courage had they retired from the game.

BOXER

RUSSELL IN HOSPITAL

CHARLIE Russell, known throughout the Rugby world as "Boxer," is in Brisbane private hospital, St. Andrew, following an operation. Russell was one of the greatest of our PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

R. Engineers Beat R.A.F. By Nine Wickets

THE ROYAL ENGINEERS scored a nine wickets victory over the Royal Air Force in a game of cricket played at Stockton yesterday. Russell was one of the greatest of our PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

Bowling honours went to Denyer who took six wickets for 11 runs. For the Air Force, New was the only man able to offer any opposition, scoring 31 of the 73 runs total.

Bailey and Radcliffe for the Sappers both retired after completing their half-centuries, and after the match had been won, but the side continued batting and aggregated 191 for six wickets when the match ended.

The scores were: R.E.—73 (New 31, Denyer 6 for 11, Radcliffe 1 for 9). R.A.F.—191 for six wickets (Bailey 65 retired, Radcliffe 50 retired, Nancarrow 3 for 44).

Kowloon C. C. Teams For Saturday

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shield of faith, wherewith ye
shall be able to quench all
the fiery darts of the wicked.
—From Ephesians, vi. 12—16.

INTERVENTION by the King's Proctor in the
divorce suit of Mrs. Wilmer, wife of David Wilmer, one
of the four Mayfair men sentenced for the Hyde Park
Hotel jewel robbery, has been allowed in the London
Divorce Court, but the decree nisi granted to Mrs. Wil-
mer was allowed to stand.

The president, Sir Boyd Merriman, said that in spite
of Mrs. Wilmer's deception of the Court he did not feel
justified in rescinding the decree.

"This marriage," he continued, "has never been a marriage
in any sense of the word, and there is not the slightest chance
of it ever becoming one when this man comes out from the long
term of penal servitude to which he has been sentenced."

"He had treated her in a most disgraceful way, and at one
time had been brutal about her child. It would be a dreadful punishment
to keep her tied to a man to whose
history I have alluded."

Condonation Denied

The King's Proctor had intervened
to show cause why the decree nisi
granted to Mrs. Wilmer, of Cheyne
Row, Chelsea, on the ground of the
adultery of her husband should not
be made absolute.

Wilmer, who in January last year
was sentenced to five years' penal
servitude, did not defend the petition.
In granting the decree, Mr. Justice
Henn Collins had exercised his discre-
tion in Mrs. Wilmer's favour in
respect of adultery which she ad-
mitted with Mr. Patrick Henry Noel
Gamble.

The King's Proctor now alleged
that Mrs. Wilmer had presented a
false case, as she did not fully dis-
close her own adultery, and had
condoned her husband's adultery by
living with him as his wife at
Henley-on-Thames.

She again asked the Court to
exercise its discretion, but denied the
King's Proctor's allegation of con-
donation.

Mr. Gamble intervened.

Wife's Disclosure
Sir Boyd Merriman, giving judg-
ment, said that about the falsity of
the wife's disclosure of her own
adultery there was now no con-
troversy whatever.

It was sufficient to say that, while
she had put forward a case of three
acts of adultery with Gamble—com-
mitted, according to her own admis-
sion, before the adultery with which
she was charging her husband—she
had, at the time she gave evidence,
not merely committed several acts of
adultery with Gamble, but had been
openly sleeping with him for weeks
at a time in a cottage at Henley
which he had taken for her occupa-
tion.

The King's Proctor had not chal-
lenged the account which Mrs. Wil-
mer gave to Mr. Justice Henn
Collins of her very short married
life.

The evidence of condonation
against Mrs. Wilmer, Sir Boyd Merri-
man continued, depended upon the
evidence of two witnesses called by
the King's Proctor—Miss Green and
Miss Marsh, both of whom were
staying in the house at Henley.

In view of acute conflict of evi-
dence the judge said he did not
think he would be justified in ac-
cepting Miss Green's evidence on
this matter, although he thought she
had given it honestly.

"I am satisfied," he concluded,
"that the alleged condonation did not
occur."

he hurried to Berlin just before the
dress rehearsal of the show.

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signs for "Congress Dances."
He intends to continue with his
career of handling big, spectacular
stage productions—all the more
happily, he says, when he has become
a British subject.



Miss Helen Irving, of Kowloon, photographed with Sambo, a two-
months-old Chinese bear which she received as a present last week.
Sambo is stated to have been found near Hongkong. —Staff Photographer.

MYSTERY STRIPPED FROM NAZI MINES

THE secret of Germany's mystery mine, which has caused
such havoc to British shipping in recent weeks, to-day stands
disclosed.

It is possible to explain the
details of the device by which
the Germans surprised the British
Navy—the device which
many believed was the secret
weapon which Hitler in his
speech on Oct. 20 hinted Ger-
many was planning to employ.

The British have succeeded in
salvaging three of the new German
mines.

The salvage operation—a most
delicate task in view of the sen-
sitive character of the new mine—
preserved them intact. It has per-
mitted naval experts to examine them
in detail.

Weight Is Important

This is how they work:
The mystery mines have no
buoyancy. They do not have to
float. That permits them to carry
a great weight of explosive.
The shape of the mine, and the
way in which its weight is dis-
tributed, is such that it comes to
rest upon the bottom of the sea with
its firing mechanism uppermost.

The activating device is a short,
soft iron bar, wound with fine wire.
It is this which is affected by the
magnetic field created when a steel
ship passes overhead.

For it is a well-known fact that every
steel ship, in effect, a huge per-
manent magnet. That is one of the
reasons why compasses have to be
corrected with other magnets to
counteract the influence of the ship.

The new mines are planted in
shallow water. When a steel ship
passes close enough overhead, the
magnetic field which is thrown off
excites a small electric current in
the coils of wire surrounding the
soft iron bar. The result is that the
soft iron bar becomes a temporary
electric magnet. This magnet operates
the firing device.

Mine Laying Technique

The mystery as to the manner of
laying the mines has been somewhat
cleared up by study of the character
of the mines themselves. They are
equipped with what is known as a
"sal ammoniac button." Sal am-
moniac, which is ammonium chloride,
dissolves slowly in sea water. The
device is arranged so that the
"sal ammoniac button" is dissolved
after from 8 to 10 hours in the sea.
Thus the mine is rendered safe
until the planting vessel has done
its work and gone away.

The device itself, which renders
the mine inoperative until a desired
time elapses, is nothing new. It was
utilized during the last war. But its
presence in the new German device
indicates that the method of laying
the mines is different from the
ordinary procedure of dropping them
downboard from surface mine-laying
vessels. It substantiates the belief
that the major mine-laying work
was done by specially equipped sub-
marines and it also explains a reason
for the German experiments in lay-
ing the mines from the air.

The reason for this latter develop-
ment is that the Germans cannot
safely mine areas in which the
new magnetic mines have already
been placed. For the fact that the
mines are difficult to sweep up es-
tablishes circumstances under which
the Germans can never be sure that
all of them have been removed and
they can hardly risk returning their
own mine-laying craft to the mine-
endangered waters. The result has
been the effort to supplement their
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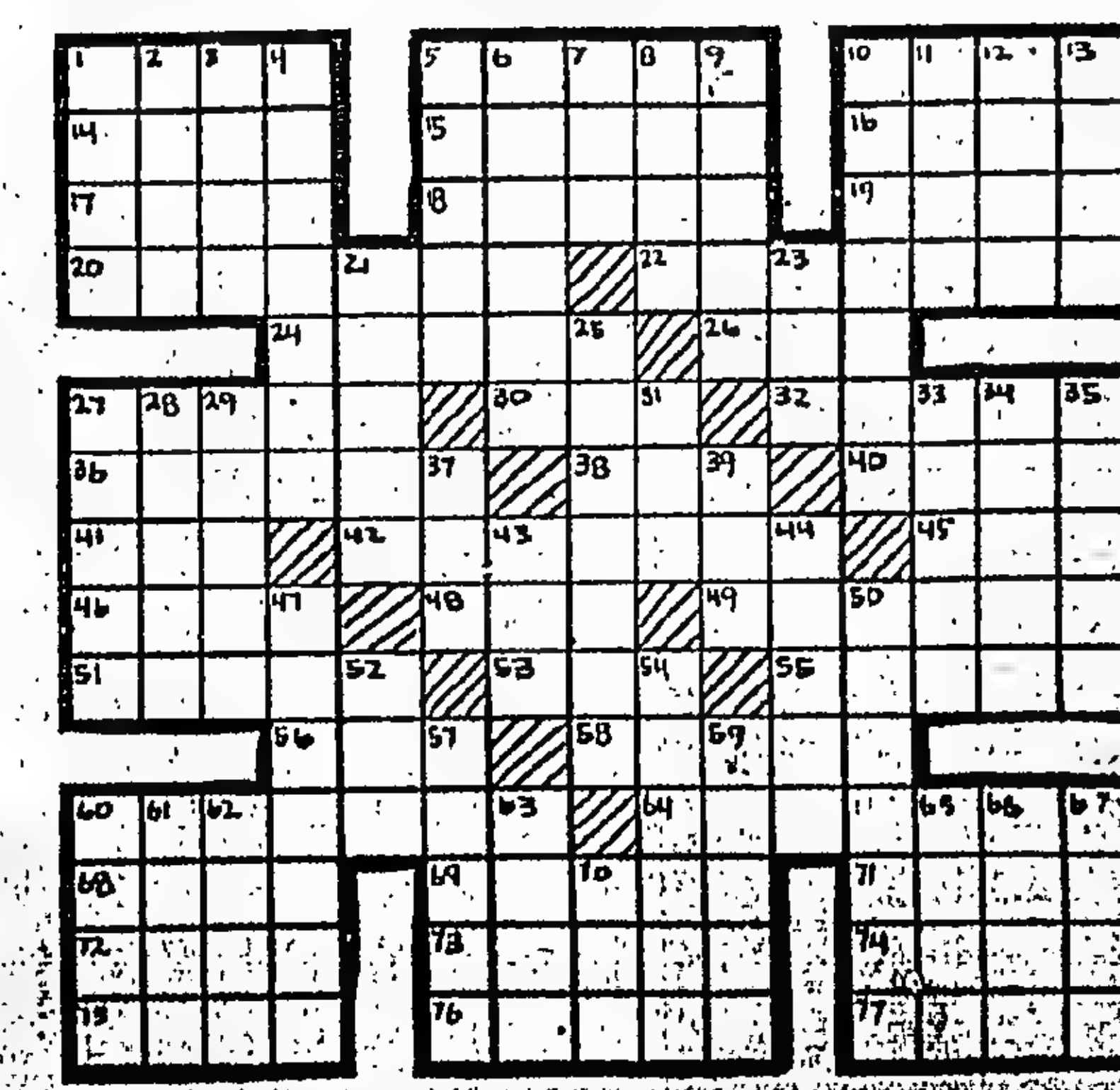
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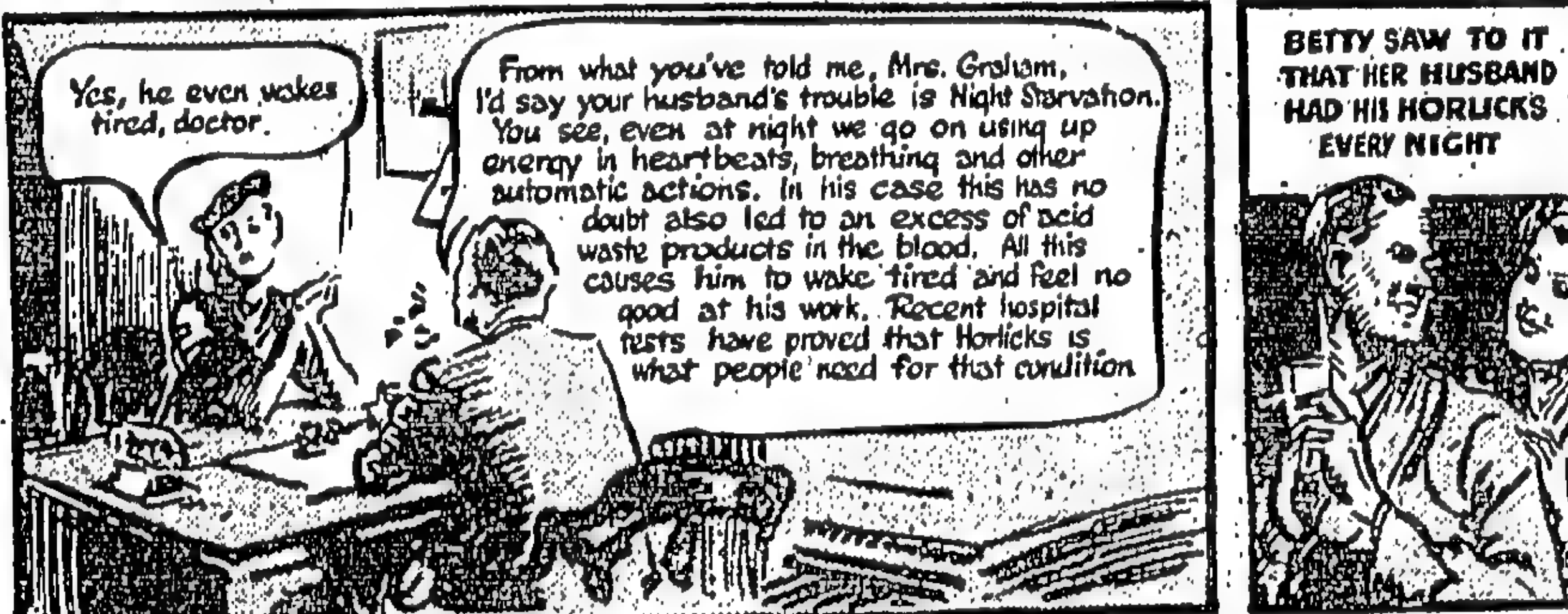
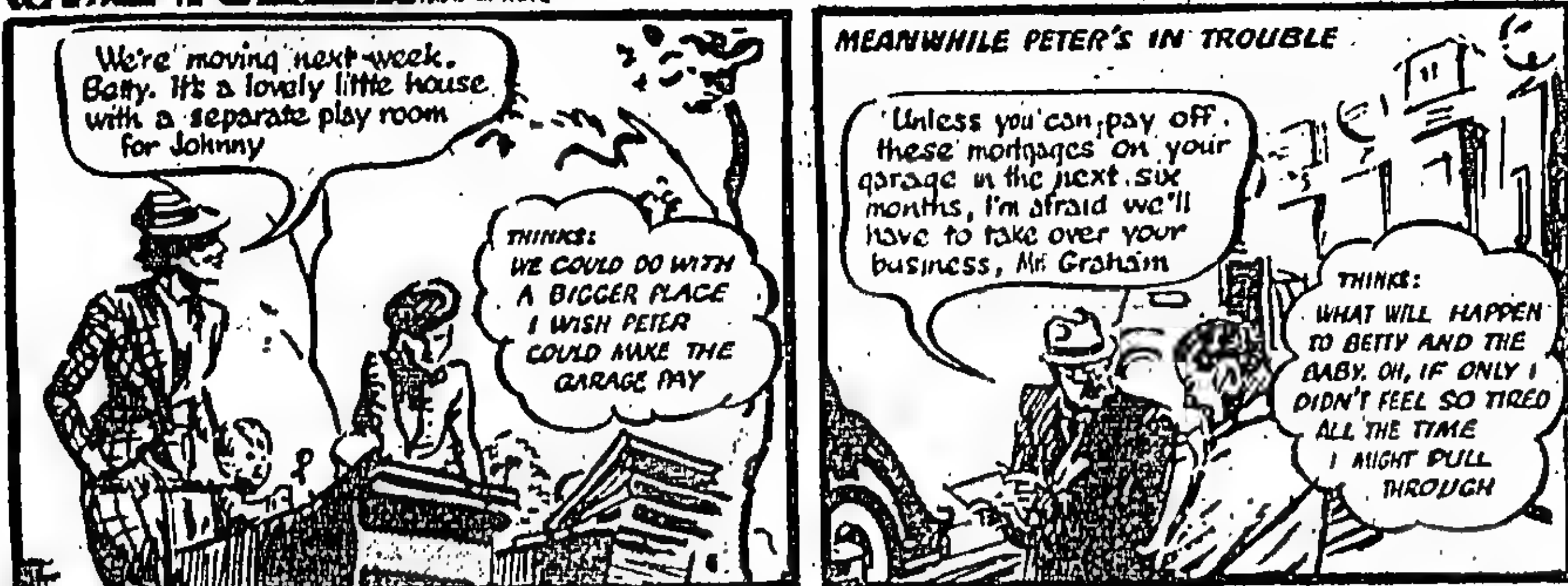
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Idiot"
16—Unusual hyperbole
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18—Lines dimension
19—Ancient
20—Card fort
21—Ancient
22—Newspaper of those
engaged in contact
with anti-aircraft
23—Pier woman
24—Word
25—Locked obligately
26—Hired car motor
27—Threat
28—Warfare in
understanding
29—Take up by
substitution
30—Laughing
31—Lithuanian
32—Hardened
33—Meadow
34—Western cottonwood
35—Was called
36—Rivers in England
37—Of birth
38—Divisible by two
39—Sieve of sieve
40—Tolling of bell to
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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

Lamarr Wanted To Play Salome

HEDY LAMARR, the screen's "Glamour Girl" who has made three films during her short stay in Hollywood, became involved early this winter in a boxing match with her employers, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Hedy led in round one by announcing that she proposed to tour in Oscar Wilde's stage play, "Salome." M.G.M. came back at her in round two with a court order which restrained her from doing any such thing.

Round three found Hedy still fighting grimly, either for an increase in salary (from \$5,500 a week to \$85,000 a week) or the cancellation of her contract. The match was fought out round by round, but Hedy is now back in the M.G.M. studios.

Film Re-Shot

Immediately after her return, M.G.M. decided to revise her last picture "I Take This Woman" in which she was co-starred with Spencer Tracy. The film was re-shot, no reason for this procedure being put forward by M.G.M.

Hedy's first Hollywood film, "Aiglers" with Charles Boyer, was shown in Hongkong some time ago. Her second film, "Lady of the Tropics" with Robert Taylor, is expected to be screened at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres some time in February.

Hedy became—as Hedy Kiesler—a famous screen star as a result of her role in the Continental film "Ecstasy." Louis B. Mayer signed her on for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. When she arrived in Hollywood she wanted to meet Garbo above all others. She hasn't. She says she'd rather play Lola Montez on the screen than any other character.

In March last year, she married Mr. Gene Markey, a motion picture producer, formerly Joan Bennett's husband. Incidentally, since Joan Bennett who was married last year to Walter Panger, has ceased to be a blonde—from the time she donned a black wig in "Trade Winds" cinema fans have found difficulty in differentiating between the two stars who now look so much alike.



Will Robert Donat play the part of General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army?

Chinese Play At University

"The Professor from Peking," a Chinese three-act play, will be produced by the Arts Association of the University on Friday, at 8.45 p.m. in the University Great Hall. H.E. the Governor is expected to attend this performance.

The play will be specially performed for school-children to-morrow night commencing at 7 p.m. The proceeds of both performances will be given to the Chinese Medical Relief Fund.

The play is by Mr. Hsueh, author of "Lady Precious Stream" and "The Romance of the Western Chamber." In these two plays, Mr. Hsueh depicted the romance and charm of old Chinese drama.

In "The Professor from Peking," however, he is very modern indeed and attempts to show the workings of the present-day Chinese political machine.

Act I has for its background the Students' Rising in Peking in 1919. The period of Act 2 is 1927, showing the Han-Kai Political storm. The last act deals with the Japanese occupation of Nanking in 1937.

Hedy Lamarr, beautiful Viennese actress, who will shortly be seen here in "Lady of the Tropics."

Who Will Play General Booth

HOLLYWOOD is going to film the story of the Salvation Army.

Darryl Zanuck, the 20th Century-Fox production chief, has bought the rights of "Marching As To War," by Lawrence Pohle and Thomas Aherne, which bring the Army from its troubled and dauntless foundation by General William Booth and his wife, in the East End of London, up to its world-wide activities of the present day.

Here is a dramatic subject that British film-makers might have tackled. There will be no snags, of course, in turning it into film entertainment, but those who are inclined to be touchy may be reminded that that eagle of a leader, the original General Booth, had a warm regard for anything calculated to stir the interest of the multitude in his wonderful work.

Choice of Star

No news has been received here yet as to who will play the part of General William Booth. Two names have been suggested—Robert Donat, star of "The Citadel" and "Goodbye Mr. Chips" and Sir Cedric Hardwicke, who gave such a splendid performance as Dr. Livingstone in "Stanley and Livingstone."

Louis Bromfield, famous novelist, was engaged by 20th Century-Fox to write the screen play of "Marching As To War." Late in November last year, he arrived in Hollywood with his manager, George Hawkins. They were met at Pasadena by Kay Francis. At present, Bromfield is gathering material for the script and doing research work on the story.

This will be his third assignment for 20th Century-Fox in less than a year. He aided in preparing the screen story for "The Rains Came," a best-seller which he wrote, and later did the script on "Brimingham Young," a dramatization of the life of the great Mormon leader.



The film "Marching As To War" is the story of the founder of the Salvation Army, General William Booth, who was recently made by Mr. C. S. Lewis, General Manager of General Amusement, Ltd. The winners were Messrs. Gomer and Kenneth Wang. On the extreme ends are Messrs. Greenberg and Ma. South China Manager for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and local distributor of Zenith Radio, respectively.

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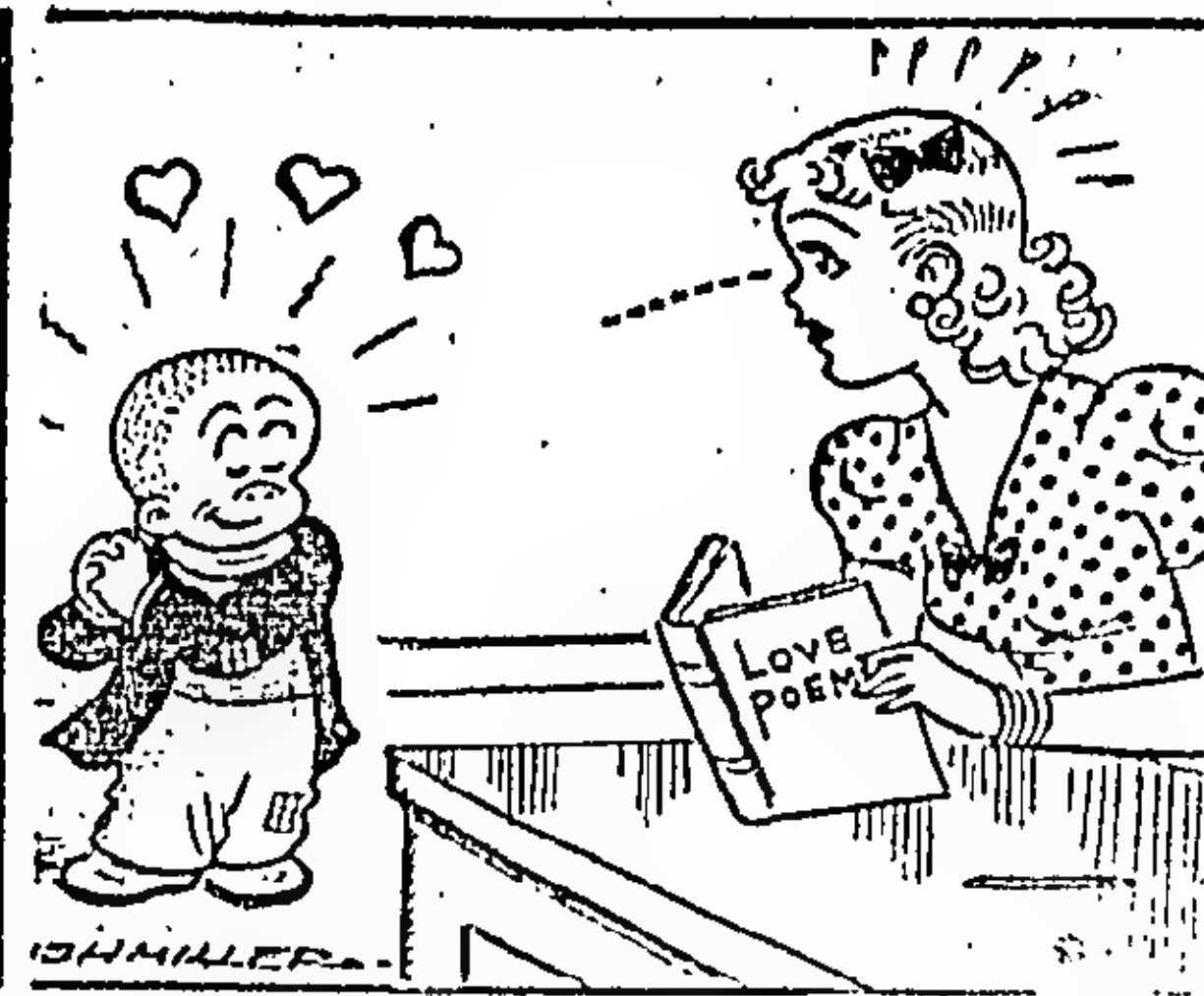
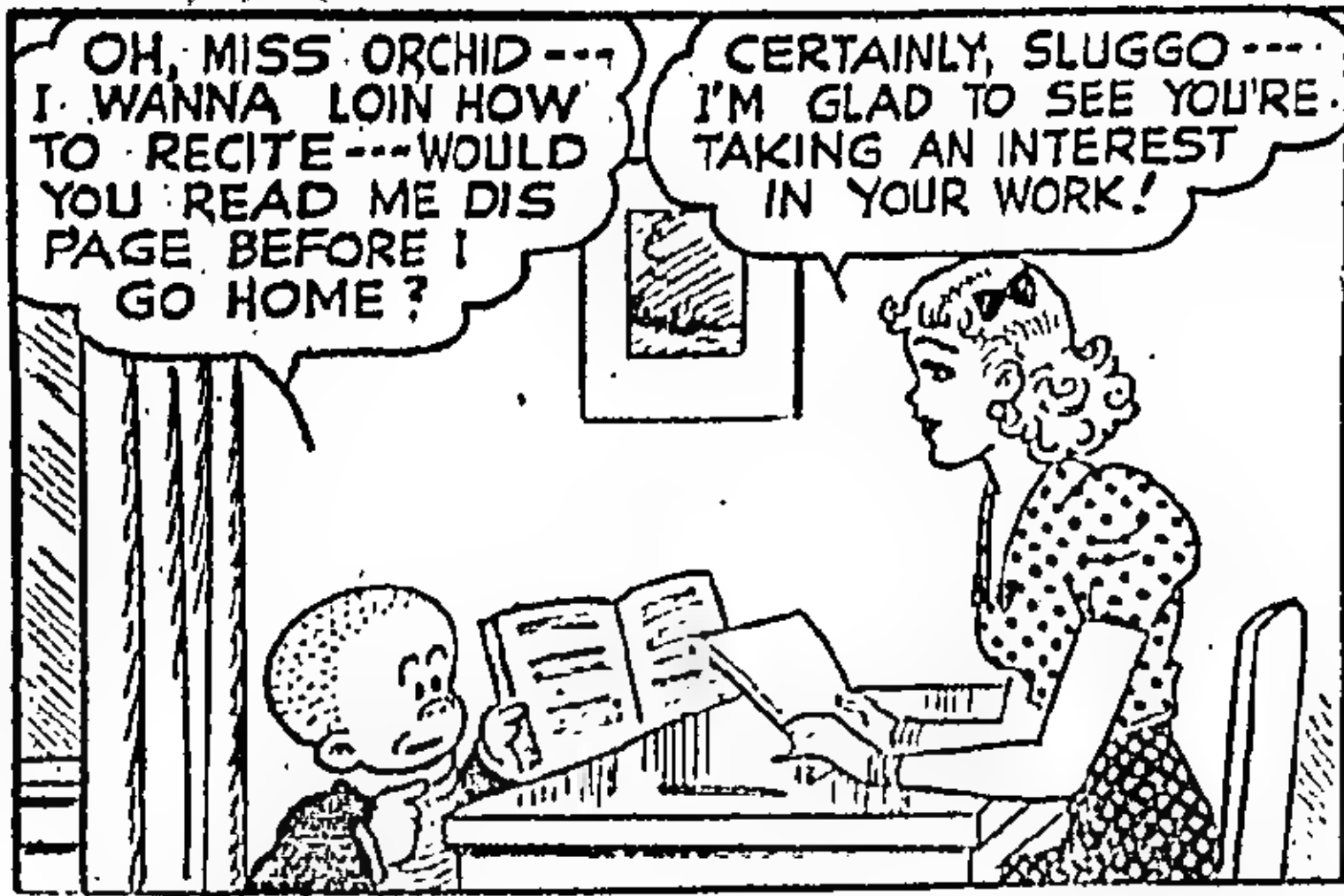
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DOCTOR OF THE OLD SCHOOL

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by Kirby, who has the sharpest tongue and kindest heart in the district. If it were not for her, the doctor would seldom have anything more substantial to eat than "black boots," nor would he ever remember to put on his top-coat or change his wet boots.

"He's wiser than a barn," says Kirby, but there is a kind gleam in his eyes when she speaks of the doctor, and there is no doubt that she thinks the world of him, although he often says, with a smile, that he cannot call his soul his own when Kirby is about.

How he manages to make a living we have long given up trying to guess, for most of his patients are poor, and as often as not he deliberately forgets to send in his bill. Often, too, when he arrives at some poor cottage, he will produce from his pocket a packet of ten or some thing that he knows is lacking from his patient's cupboard. But he is very indignant, if anyone tries to thank him.

"Nonsequitur! Nonsequitur!" he says gruffly. "Wait till I send in the bill!" But the bill never comes, and the doctor often has to go without, losing himself, and has not had a new winter coat for more years than we can recall.

Some of his patients, however, repay him in kind. On more than one occasion he has been told that, "We'll be killing the poor old uncle, we've cured Wall's bronchitis. A ham'll no come amiss to ye, doctor." The general verdict of the countryside is: "He's a grand man, our doctor. We must measure up to him. He'll either kill ye, or cure ye."

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They Drank A Toast To The Future

During the 20 years that, as a bachelor, he had been a master at Brookfield School Chipping had not been able to get on friendly terms with the boys. But, after a walking trip in the Tyrols where he had met (and later married) Katherine Ellis, a transformation was worked in him.

ONE night, when Chips was on dormitory inspection, as the "lights out" bell rang, Kathie accompanied him to the door.

"Chips," she said, and paused. Then, with mock daring, she continued: "Cough a little before you come to No. 11, will you?"

"Kathie—why?" he asked with instant suspicion of her wiles.

"Well, Jones Minor got a tuck-box from home to-day. Chips, didn't you ever have a dormitory feast when you were a little boy?"

His eyes twinkled at her. "Well, I remember once—but that's entirely beside the point."

"Is it?"

"Kathie, I sometimes think you are trying to pull Brookfield down stone by stone!"

He was very solemn as he left her, but when he opened the door of No. 11, where the contents of the tuck-box were spread out in the centre of the bed, and the young occupants sat about in their night attire, eyes shining, mouths open in alarm at the discovery of the forbidden dormitory feast.

Chips just stared clear across the room. He did not act as though he saw either the feast nor the fearful boys.

"Hum," he said as though to himself. "Thought I heard a noise. Must have been the cat."

He went quietly out, closing the door.

He stopped for a moment, shaking his head sorrowfully, thoroughly surprised and shocked at his action, but not so shocked as to go

APRIL FOOLS' DAY

back and put an end to the feast.

AT the Christmas holidays that year, the boys did not seek to avoid Chips; they made it a point to tell him goodbye, wish him and his wife a Merry Christmas and to ask him to give Mrs. Chips such messages as that, "I'm going to bring her some silk-worms." "I'll bring her a picture of my sister"—of the Mater, of our house, etc.

And then Jenks, the school porter, approached with a message that the Headmaster wanted to see him.

Kathie, helped by Nellie, the maid, was busily decorating a Christmas tree in the sitting room when Chips came in with a rush of excitement.

"Kathie! Such news! They're making me Housemaster! Longhurst's leaving, and the Head's offering me his house!"

"Darling! I'm so happy!" she cried, going into his arms and kissing him. "Not that it's any more than you deserve! It's a lovely old house, and there's a most imposing library for you—and a green house with a grapevine. I think we should have lighter paint in the hall though—it's a little gloomy as it is."

"Here! Here, not so fast!" But she continued: "—but the bedrooms are lovely, and oh, there's a little room at the head of the stair. I always thought that would be perfect for a nursery."

"You always thought..." gulped Chips, "but you could hardly have expected—" "But, of course, dear, I was sure you would be Headmaster

some day, just as I'm sure one day you'll be Head. I've been trying to make up my mind which of the houses I'd like best."

"Well, upon my word! The presumption of the woman!" He chuckled as Kathie led him to his chair by the fire.

"Imagine, Chips, Longhurst's will have to be called 'Chippin's' now."

"Chippin's? I suppose so. Well, well! And I do believe you meant it—that one day I'll be Headmaster!"

"My darling," said Kathie, snuggling close, "you're a very sweet person—and a very modest person. You have sorts of unexpected gift and qualities, so unexpected that you keep surprising even me with them." She put her hand in his. "Never be afraid, Chips, that you can't do anything you've made up your mind to. As long as you don't lose faith in yourself, you can go as far as you dream. Certainly you'll be Headmaster if you want to."

Max Staefel came in a little later and they drank a toast together to the future.

APRIL Fool's Day always brings a certain licence to school boys and those at Brookfield were no exception.

In Chips's class-room several of the pupils were gathered. One boy had just laid some letters on the master's desk when another rushed in bursting with news.

"I say, have you heard the news? Chips is having a baby!"

"Chips is?" queried Martin.

"Mrs. Chips, you fool!" explained an older boy.

"Just like old Chips," commented Martin. "He would have a baby on April Fool's Day. Let's finish here."

They returned to the desk and stuck used stamps on the envelopes. One boy was painfully drawing a postmark in pencil across a cancelled stamp. "Bring the postmark across the letter," cautioned Martin. "Chips won't notice it. He'll think they're really letters and open them to find only blank sheets of paper."

"I don't see much in that," commented a fat lad. "That's the point—there's isn't explained Martin. 'Chips' will see the joke. He's jolly good at seeing jokes lately."

CHIPPING'S home seemed deserted. All was quiet except for the monotonous ticking of a grandfather's clock. A shaft of light streamed through a window upon the stairway landing.

At the bottom of the steps, stood Kathie's little maid, Nellie, looking up with white, shocked face. Her eyelids were red and swollen.

A nurse came out of a second floor room and appeared at the head of the stairs. Nellie called in hushed, tearful voice: "Is it all right?"

"It's all over, Nellie. Mrs. Chipping."

"And—the baby, too?"

The nurse did not trust herself to speak; she nodded and abruptly disappeared. Nellie laid her head against the newel post and broke into soft weeping.

The bedroom door opened and Chips came out, walking heavily, his eyes glazed and dead, unable to realise that wife and child were both gone—that Kathie's sweet, sympathetic voice would never again welcome him home. The doctor followed him, touched his arm gently.

"I'll send a message to the common room. Someone else can take your class."

"It's all right," said a strange, dead voice that came from Chipping's lips.

"But, Chips, there's no need—" He was silent as he watched the stricken man descend the stairs with dragging footsteps. Chips was not even aware of the pathetic figure of Nellie who could scarcely see him through her tears. Mechanically he got his hat and left the house.

"Chips is coming; take your seats," Martin warned his classmates. They watched Chips enter and go slowly to his desk without speaking, without looking at them.

THEIR gleeful anticipation of the April Fool joke turned to puzzlement: Chips did not appear even to see the letters on his desk. He took up a book, then put it down. Martin stood up.

"Please, sir, there are a lot of letters for you."

Chips looked up, frowning as though in an effort to concentrate.

"Er—thank you, Martin," he said vaguely, took up one of the letters, opened it, drew out a blank sheet of paper, looked at it, opened another.

The boys writhed in the seats, some stuffed handkerchiefs into their mouths to keep from laughing outright. Chips drew the sheet of paper from the second envelope, looked at one side, turned it over, raised his eyes vaguely towards his class.

"First of April, sir!" "April Fool, sir!" cried the boys.

Their laughter was beginning to die away at Chips's strange lack of response to their joke, when a late comer quietly took his seat, and whispered something to the boy in front of him; that boy turned sharply to the next boy and whispered with an angry gesture that silenced the "April Fool, sir!" in his throat. Whispering ran from boy to boy, from row to row, and the room became still as death.

CHIPS passed a hand across his bewildered eyes, reached for a book, opened it fumblingly.

"Turn to page 29," Shocked, sympathetic, the boys got their books, opened them quietly, hardly rustling a page. "Martin, will you begin," continued the expressionless voice of the master.

Martin stood up and began reading the Latin, translating it line by line into stumbling English, his voice choked, uncertain, faltering.

Never once did Chips stop him, help him through a difficult passage or explain a new word, an obscure reference. Martin's voice went on monotonously through the entire assignment. No other boy was called on to recite. Chips was not even following the text.

TO-MORROW REVOLT

SPARTAN SPORTSMEN

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wing three-quarters, both with the Union and the League.

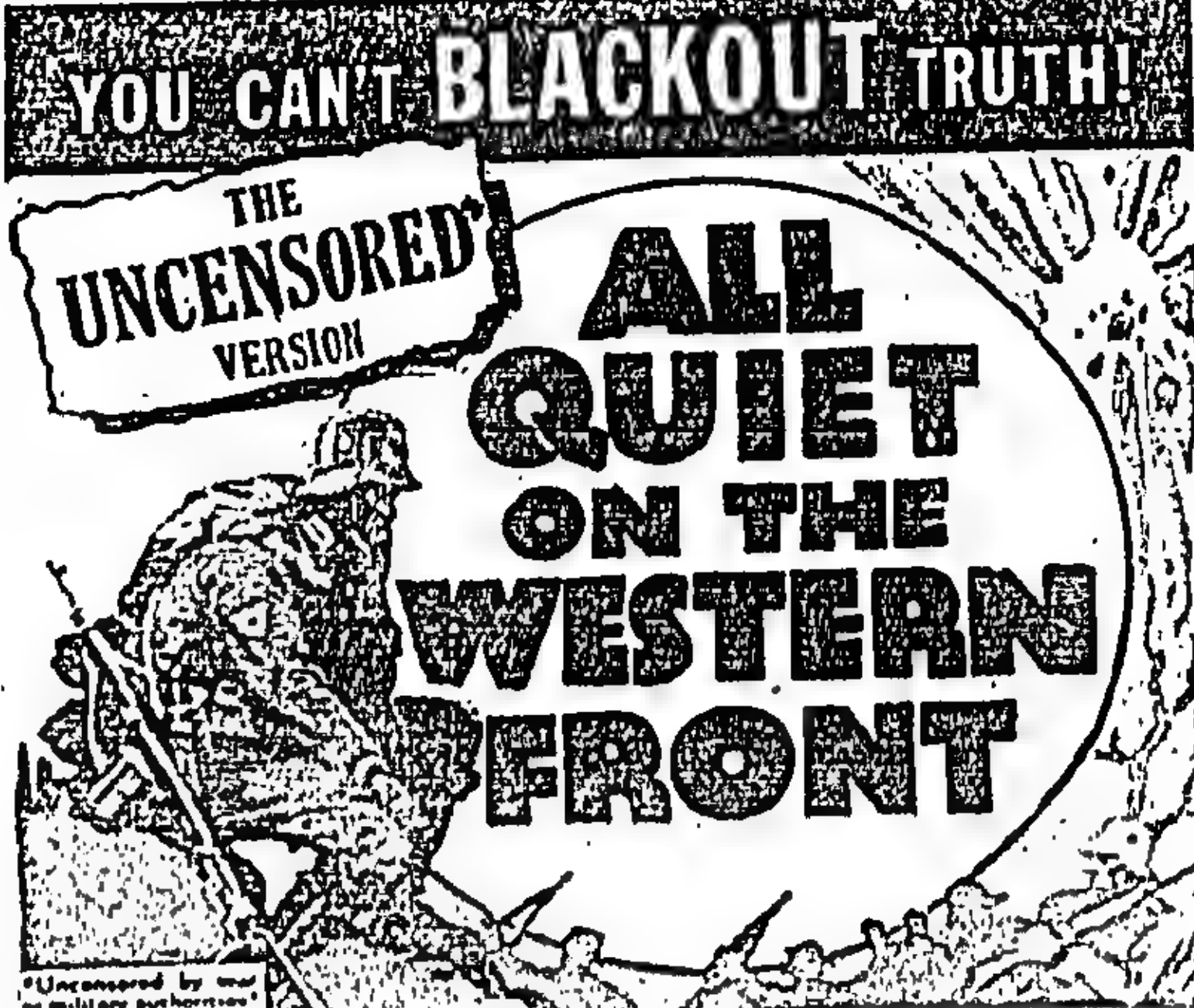
He went to England with the Wallabies in 1908 and the Kangaroos in 1911. When his football days were over, Russell became a State and Australian Rugby League selector, and at different times, when not engaged upon those duties, coached the Newtown players. He is a life member of that club, and next month will go up for election for a similar honour in the New South Wales League.

Charlie Russell is another of the growing number of Rugby men to go through severe illnesses in recent months. The others are making good progress, and it is to be sincerely hoped that "Texer" will be equally fortunate. His army of friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

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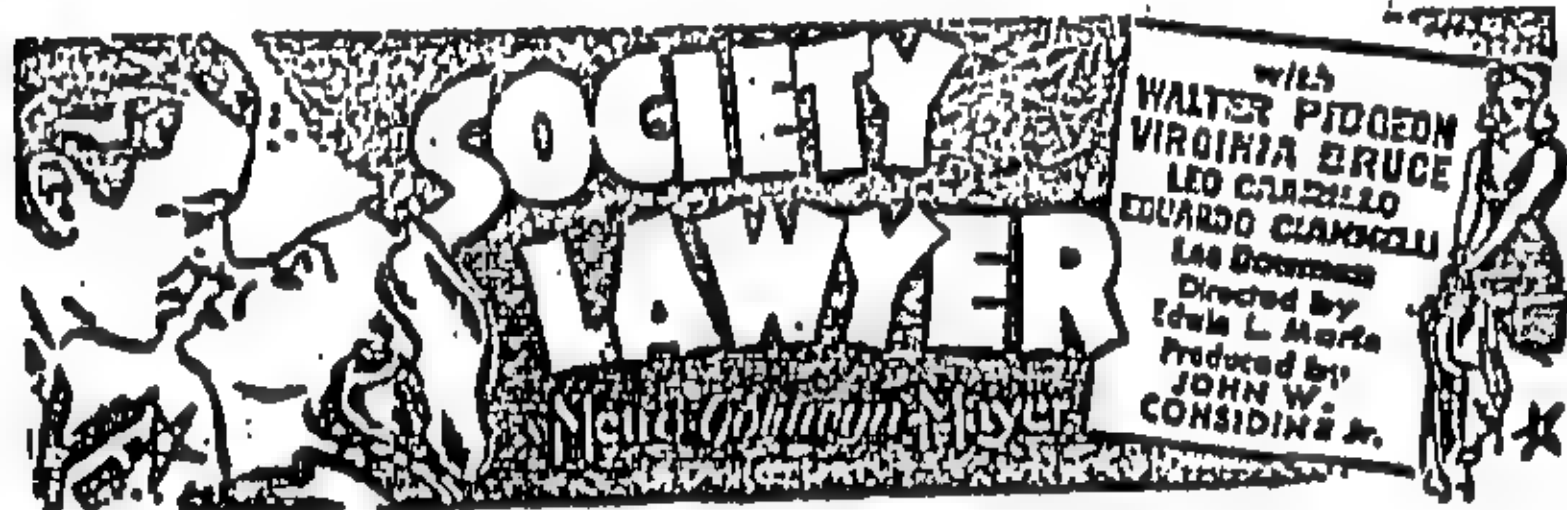
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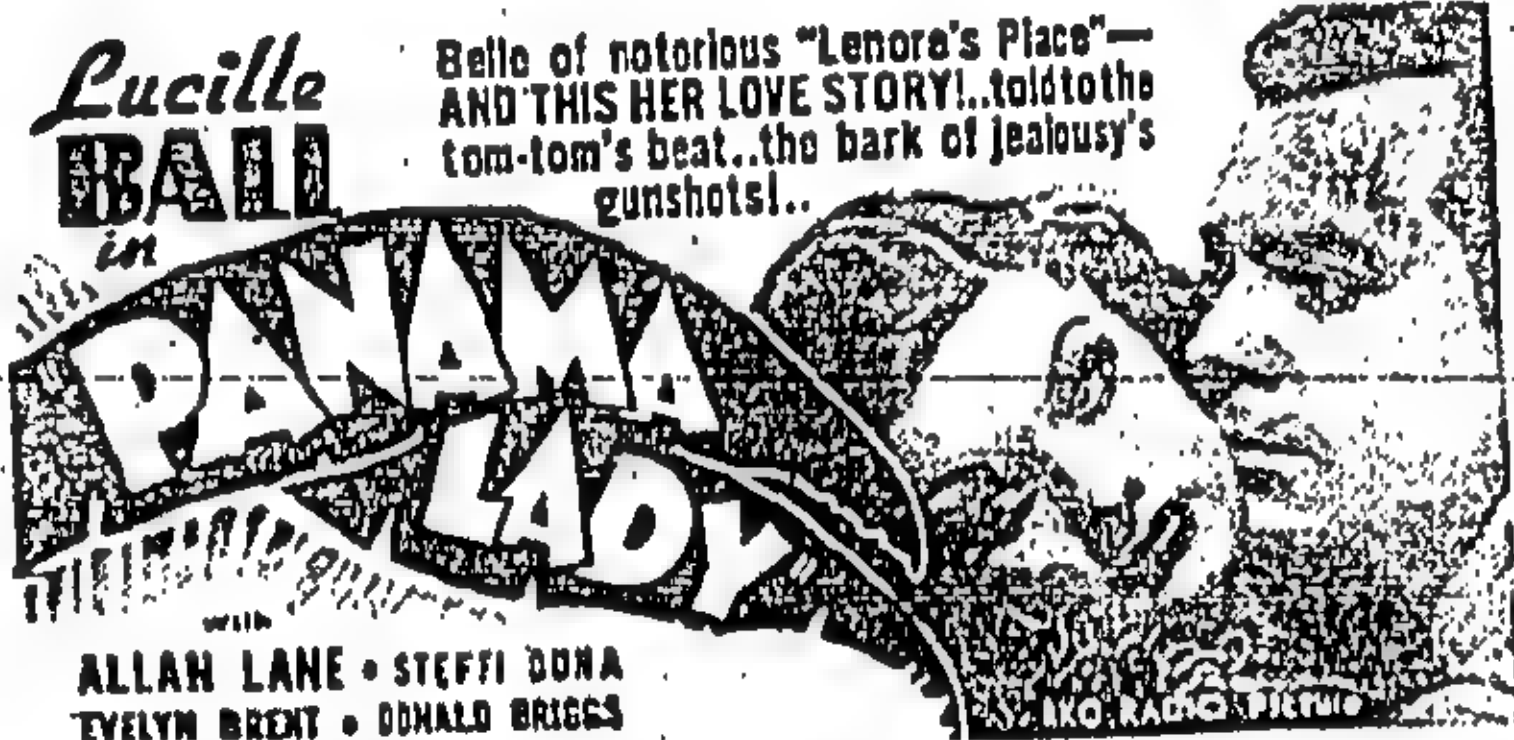
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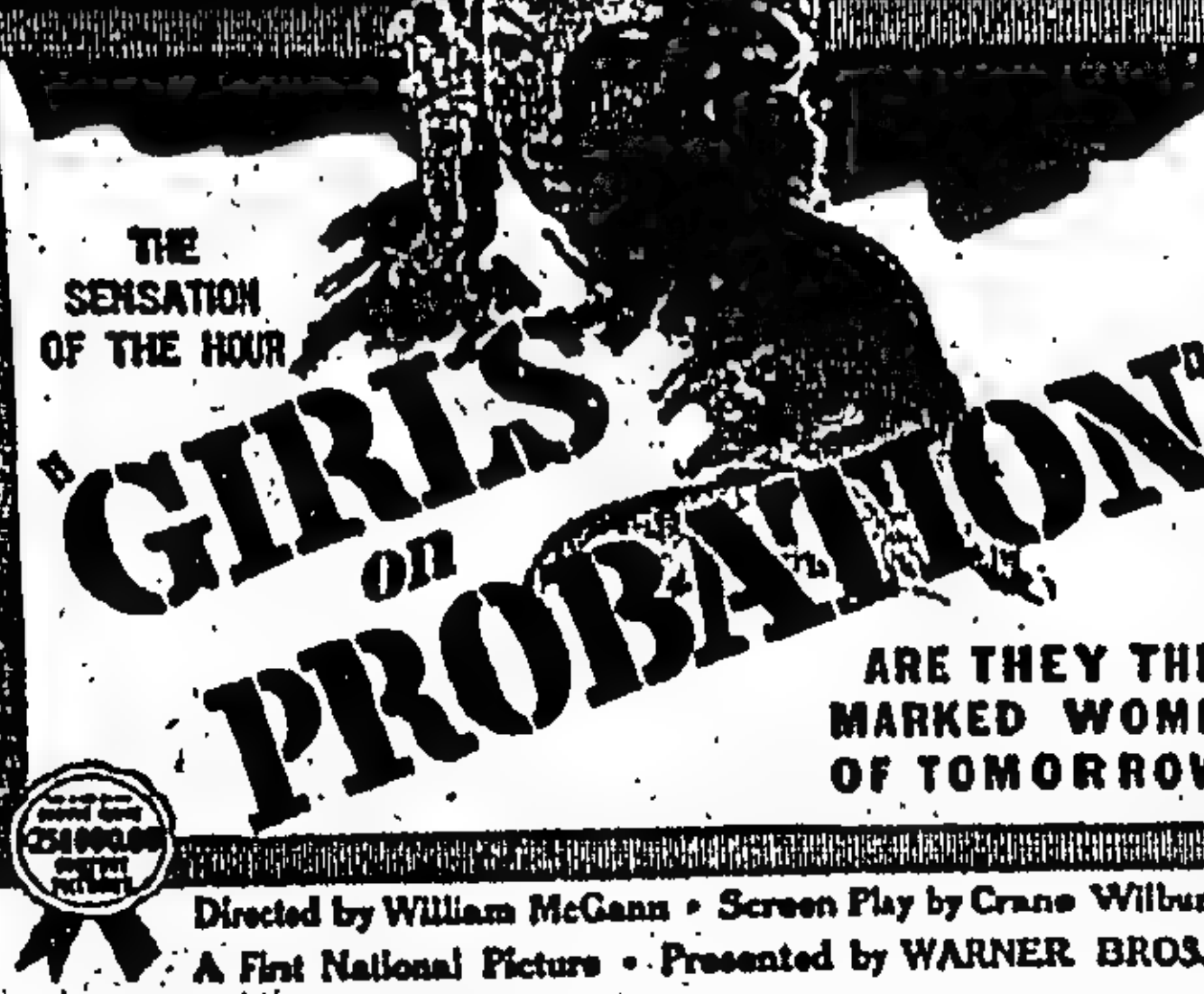
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Steward Of President
Coolidge Believed
Drowned

Shanghai, Jan. 16.
An American steward from the President Coolidge and two Chinese boatmen are missing and are believed to have been drowned when a steam launch overturned in mid-stream on the Whangpoo this morning.
A messman on the President Coolidge, James B. Conroy, 26, accompanying the steward on the launch, was rescued and taken ashore.
The Whangpoo steam launch, Torloise in which the two men were returning after seeing Shanghai night spots at 5 a.m., was struck by a river steamer and overturned after the motor broke down in mid-stream.
The messman, the steward and the Chinese boatmen were thrown overboard. The Chinese boatmen and the steward are believed to have been drowned. Conroy was picked up by a Chinese junk.
Owing to the President Coolidge having 200 stewards on board, it was not possible to ascertain the name of the missing man. A roll call is being taken to learn the identity of the missing man.—United Press.

Odd Coincidence?

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—

An odd coincidence is the subject of

much unofficial comment.

During the last Lowland scare in

November, a Dutch ship, the

Succubus, was sunk. Promptly on

the heels of the present tension, the

Arendskerik has been torpedoed by a

Nazi U-boat.

Nazi Admit Sinking

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The

German wireless broadcast this after-

noon news of the sinking of the

Arendskerik.

The master of the Arendskerik, the

announcer said, had reported that

his ship had been torpedoed and

torpedoed by a German submarine.

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ROBERT DONAT and Greer Garson in "Goodbye, Mr. Chips,"
which is opening at the Queen's and Alhambra theatres shortly.

OCTOGENARIAN WOMAN REGAINS HER SIGHT

SALT LAKE CITY, (UP).—The world is brighter to-day and surely more wonderful than ever in the lifetime of Mrs. Ann C. Milne who proclaims she feels like starting life anew—at 91 years of age.

Patent Mrs. Milne, one of Utah's early pioneers, can see to-day after 15 years of total blindness. She finds the world full of colours and familiar Salt Lake City sights are now more exciting than ever to the woman who first came here in 1850.

An operation which is not often successful when a person has reached Mrs. Milne's age removed a cataract from her right eye and restored sight to both.

Nurses and hospital attendants who attended the aged woman while she was preparing for the operation said she had been one of their best patients. Success of the operation depended greatly upon her willingness to be motionless for six days. She never complained.

And when the operation was finished and she was given a new pair of glasses Mrs. Milne was greeted outside the hospital by autumn.

"The world is filled with colours—the prettiest in my lifetime," she expressed only one disappointment. She wanted to see again the old Salt Lake Theatre, which her husband, the late David Milne, and his partner had painted when it was erected in the 60s. During her absence from the world of sight, the theatre had been demolished and replaced by a modern business building. Regardless, she exclaimed:

He Arrested Molotov—Worse Luck

THIRTY years ago when the Czar still ruled in Russia a young student named Molotov was arrested, accused of revolutionary activities. Borisov was the name of the policeman who made the arrest.

Molotov is Soviet Prime Minister now. Borisov has just been sent to prison for ten years—charge not stated—according to the Moscow radio.

the beauties of the new structure. Mrs. Milne sees few familiar faces but despite their absence she says, "I can't express my joy at seeing again."

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Invasion Fears Mount: British Troops On The Alert

BELGIUM APPEALS TO ALLIES
AS NAZI MOVEMENTS CONFIRMED

SECRET STAFF TALKS IN FRANCE PLAN DEFENCE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, JAN. 17 (DOMEI).—THE BELGIAN G.H.Q. WHICH LAST WEEK-END TOOK OVER THE DEFENCE OF THE COUNTRY FROM THE WAR MINISTRY, IS REPORTED TO HAVE APPEALED TO FRANCE TO STATION TROOPS ALONG STRATEGIC POINTS WITHIN EASY MARCHING DISTANCE OF POINTS THREATENED BY THE GERMAN FORCES NOW MASSED ALONG THE SOUTH-EASTERN FRONTIER OF BELGIUM.

General Gamelin, the French Commander-in-Chief, is reported to have agreed to take "certain precautions."

It is emphasised, however, that no French troops will be sent into Belgium unless it is first invaded by Germany.

SECRET STAFF TALKS

PARIS, Jan. 17 (Domei).—That not only Belgium, but also the Allies, are aware of the dangers of a German invasion is made obvious by the fact that, for the first time since the outbreak of hostilities, Staff talks took place last night between Belgian and French Staff officers from the two countries' respective G.H.Q.

WESTERN FRONT

SNOW STOPS FIGHTING

PARIS, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—Snow is now falling along practically the whole length of the Maginot Line.

Monday's long-range artillery battle, in which both sides participated, was near the Moselle and is considered the most violent one of the war.

The inhabitants of the Luxembourg village near the frontier fled to safety as shell splinters fell on the town.

The Germans have now come to the conclusion that the British troops are in the front line after all.

Hitherto the Germans have tried to suggest that all the work is being done by the French, but it is now stated as the result of the clash between British and German patrols in front of the Siegfried Line, the leader of the British patrol was seriously wounded.

He was taken to a first-aid post by the Germans and died two days later.

No Man's Land Clash

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—A patrol of the British force now holding a sector of the Maginot Line encountered a German patrol in No Man's Land last night and a fight ensued, says "Reuter's" special correspondent with the B.E.F. in France.

The British suffered no casualties, but at least one German was killed and his body was brought back to the British line.

Quiet Day On The Whole

PARIS, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Today's communiqué said that it was a quiet day on the whole. There was the usual patrol activity.

Nazi Attempt To Wreck Britain's Communications

SENSATIONAL SABOTAGE PLOT UNMASKED AT HOME

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, JAN. 17 (UP).—A WIDESPREAD NAZI PLOT TO SABOTAGE BRITISH COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS, BRIDGES AND RAILWAYS HAS BEEN UNEARTHED BY SCOTLAND YARD AND THE BRITISH INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, ACCORDING TO THE "DAILY MAIL."

The plot was organised by the Nazi Intelligence Service, and provided for the systematic and simultaneous destructions by German spies and other agents of vital strategic centres of communication, in an attempt to cripple Britain's communications.

Scotland Yard and the British Intelligence Service worked together in unearthing the plot.

Immediately its details became known the necessary counter-measures were immediately adopted.

They included the despatch of secret instructions to key railway functionaries throughout the country. The anti-spy system was immediately instructed to watch for suspicious characters anywhere near the centres which were to have been wrecked by the Nazis.

The "Daily Mail" states that the instructions sent to railway workers are the equivalent of enrolling 600,000 men in a vast anti-sabotage system.

All of these men have received individual instructions from their immediate superiors.

The First Target

LONDON, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—Six hundred thousand workers on Britain's railways have been warned to keep a keen and constant look-out for suspicious characters who may be Nazi agents in disguise, reports the "Daily Telegraph."

The newspaper adds that it is stated that secret instructions have been sent out by the railway companies to station-masters, goods agents, and heads of the departments.

The instructions say that information has been received which suggests that the German intelligence service is planning to carry out acts of sabotage in the United Kingdom.

In such an event, the newspaper adds, the lines of communication will most likely be the first target for enemy action, and immediate precautionary measures are advised.

Bombed Capital of Finland



Parts of Helsinki, which is suffering from fresh Russian raids. Strategic points are shown in the above plan of the city—1, Central Railway Station; 2, Fredriksgatan; 3, Kalevagatan. The road to Malm Aerodrome, which was severely attacked, is shown at the top (4).

It is not stated who attended the conference; nor is it divulged where it took place.

The conference is stated to have reached "important decisions" regarding co-operation between the Belgian and Allied forces in the event of an invasion of Belgium.

B.E.F. In Readiness

PARIS, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—British troops are now being held in readiness for any Nazi offensive in the Lowlands.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Jan. 17 (Domei).—French intelligence agents have confirmed earlier reports that Germany has massed over a million troops on the Belgian and Dutch frontiers.

Of these the majority—some 750,000 men—have been massed along the Belgian frontier between Luxembourg and Aix-la-Chapelle.

The greatest threat appears to be towards Liege, the famous Belgian fortress which so gallantly withstood the German invasion in 1914. Eighteen divisions have been massed along the Dutch frontier between Maastricht and Meppen.

According to French sources, the 38 German divisions have been divided into two corps under separate commands.

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ATTACK ON U-BOAT

R.A.F. Pilot Describes The Action

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. pilot of a plane of the Coastal Command has now given his own story of the bombing of a U-boat in the North Sea on Monday.

The R.A.F. plane was on patrol duty when a U-boat was sighted at a distance of a few miles. The pilot was having a snack at the time and he heard the gunner shout "Look!"

Looked Like Rowing Boat

He looked in the direction of the pointing finger and saw what seemed to be a rowing boat on the horizon, with a trail of foam behind it.

After a few moments, he gave the plane its full throttle as he was sure it was a U-boat.

As the plane approached, the U-boat crashed-dived and the plane dived down on it, dropping its bombs.

Not Seen Again

They seemed to fall very close and a great splash of water followed the explosion. A little later, a greenish brown patch, with bubbles, spread over the position where the submarine dived.

Although the R.A.F. machine remained on the spot for sometime the U-boat was not seen again.

BRITISH OFFER TO NORWAY, SWEDEN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 16 (UP).—Informed Scandinavian sources claim that Sweden and Norway have received written British offers of assistance if their independence is threatened.

The Swedish Foreign Office denies that it has received any such offer. Nevertheless, the report, which is accredited to informed sources, persists today.

The report claims that as recently as last Saturday, Britain offered a guarantee of Swedish neutrality against aggression for any quarter.

It is stated that this original offer was, in fact, declined by Sweden for fear that acceptance would be regarded by Hitler as grounds for action against the Scandinavian country.

No Norwegian Reply

Sweden also adopts the policy that, in any case, aggression against her would find Britain automatically ranged on her side.

It is reported that Norway has not yet replied to the British offer.

Support for the report comes from Paris, where an important announcement was made last night by the Quai d'Orsay (Foreign Office).

This announcement states that any neutral countries attacked by Germany will "benefit by formidable support from Britain and France."

Concurrently, Mr. Chamberlain has confirmed in the House of Commons that Britain and France have granted Turkey a new credit of £25,000,000 for armaments, £2,000,000 to liquidate arrears in Anglo-Turkish clearances and £1,500,000 to liquidate Turko-French arrears.

New Russian Attack Fails: Raid Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 16 (UP).—An official communiqué states that a Russian attack on the Karelian Isthmus has been repulsed with heavy losses.

The Finns dispersed two Russian companies on the important north-central frontier near Salla, where it was recently reported the Russians were attempting mass reinforcements.

A Russian detachment attacked on the southeastern Karelian Isthmus front near Tivoli.

An official statement states that 60 Russian planes bombed eight Finnish towns yesterday, dropping 600 bombs.

PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

SERGEANT'S BRAVERY

Workman Saved From Scaffolding

THE BRAVERY of a Sergeant of the Royal Artillery—he has not yet been identified—was responsible yesterday for saving the life of a Chinese workman who fell from a height of about thirty feet whilst working on the erection of a new building in East Point Terrace.

The fall of the workman was broken by some bamboo scaffolding, on which his clothes were impaled as the injured man swung to and fro the R.A. Sergeant, who was passing at the time, ran to the scene and climbed the scaffolding.

He held the unconscious man by his clothes until help arrived and then, with the aid of others, carried him down to the ground.

The Army officer tore up his shirt to provide a bandage for the workman's arm, which was fractured during the fall.

As soon as the ambulance arrived the Sergeant disappeared, without divulging his name.

BRITAIN'S COST OF LIVING

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The cost of living index figure on January 1 was 74 per cent above the level of July, 1914, and compared with 73 on December 1.

The food index figure on January 1 was 57, which was the same as on December 1.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP).—Senators John Danaher and Guy Gillette, have introduced resolutions seeking the invasion of the Neutrality Act against Finland, Russia, China and Japan.

Communists Ousted

France Wants No Red Politicians

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Jan. 17 (UP).—The Chamber of Deputies has passed the Bill authorising the expulsion of Communist deputies.

There were only two dissident votes, 521 deputies voting in favour of the measure.

The Bill for the expulsion of Communist deputies follows the previous Bill, which was passed on October 26, requiring all Communists to publicly disassociate themselves.

Passage of the Bill was preceded by a heated debate, in which M. Henri Dekerillis and M. Flaudin crossed swords.

M. Dekerillis charged that Hitler had tempted partisans among the French politicians.

M. Flaudin, in sharply rebuking M. Dekerillis, explained that he had favoured the Munich Agreement merely because it was impossible in September, 1938, for France to go to war, with Germany.

Canadian Pilots For Overseas

OTTAWA, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—The first unit of the Royal Canadian Air Force designated for overseas is the City of Toronto Army of Co-operation squadron, whose average age is 24 to 25. It was revealed last night in a broadcast on Canada's war effort.

NAZI OFFICIAL JOINS THE FINNISH ARMY

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The German commercial attache in Finland has resigned his post and joined the Finnish army as a volunteer.

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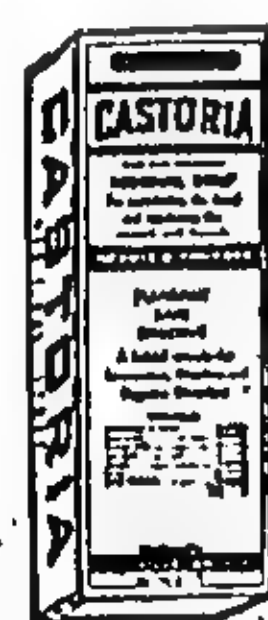
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Shipping Meets a Threat

Will destruction of merchant ships in the present war exceed the ability of world shipyards to make good the losses, particularly if the German thrust with submarines, mines, and raiders is sharpened?

During the Great War, German action accounted for the loss of 6,600 vessels, totalling some 12,800,000 tons, or about 25 per cent of the tonnage on hand prior to hostilities. The convoy system which cut British losses in the former conflict to about 5 per cent of the ships conveyed, can be counted on to-day to reduce losses sharply, unless new weapons appear.

The shipyards of the world are launching an estimated 200,000 tons of vessels a month, an amount almost equal to sinkings.

Even assuming intensified submarine activity and greater sinkings by mines which might jump destruction by 50 per cent, new construction is being accelerated to meet the threat. The British Government is giving assistance to shipping concerns in an unprecedented speed-up programme begun last spring. France has a million tons more of ships than in 1914 and is hastening launchings.

Neutrals have doubled, and United States quadrupled, the 1914 tonnage. Unless building is checked by effective air attacks or other means the shipping industry, it would appear, can be counted on to more than counterbalance sinkings with new launchings. It did so in 1914-18 and it is vastly more efficient now.

A Cheering Estimate

The quieter the Front the more active the political speculator. The air is alive with rumours of startling things that are about to happen, and especially in the internal affairs of Germany, but it is not incumbent upon anyone to give those stories full credence.

It is refreshing to turn to what an experienced and cool-headed Japanese Admiral has to say about the European situation—especially when his estimate hangs heavily on the side of the Allies.

Admiral Nakamura reminds us of the unpleasant fact that before the war Great Britain's potential enemies were Japan in the Pacific, Italy in the Mediterranean, and Germany in the North Sea, with Spain able to provide bases for the Axis Powers. But what at first came as a severe shock to the British people turned out to be one of the most fortunate things that could



THE FUEHRER: "What's going to happen if he stops dancing?"

Hunting The U-Boat

by Captain FRANK H. SHAW

How is it done? How does the U-Boat commander spot his prey? What does he see by means of the periscope? How can he tell whether a destroyer lurks behind the tramp? What happens to Hitler's floating oil depots? Captain Frank H. Shaw, the well-known naval writer, who has himself helped to hunt U-Boats, tells the full story here.

mainly totally submerged, even with his periscope below the surface, and lies low. As I said: another chance will offer.

WITH his own engines stopped, even his dynamos closed down, there is little for a hunter searching for U-boats to work upon. But the experience gained in the last war, coupled with twenty years of peacetime experimenting, has taught our naval craftsmen a device of a lot!

How much we have learnt is evident from the statement by the Prime Minister as to the possible number of enemy craft attacked and destroyed. This is obviously an understatement. One reason for this is that the Admiralty require more evidence than the mere record of a smear of oil on the surface following an attack on a submarine, before admitting a successful action.

In the last war the commonest ruse adopted by the enemy was, on being overtaken, to discharge oil from a vent, to give the impression of a mortal injury, thus causing the attacking sloop, destroyer or trawler, to break off the fight on the assumption that only a cracked submarine could leak oil.

We submarine-hunters of the 1914-18 years had to bring incontrovertible proof of a submarine's destruction before earning any credit. If there were no human survivors, a cap ribbon, a fragment of unmistakable debris, or a reliable photograph had to be produced. So that, if there is actual proof that a number of U-boats have been dealt with so far, the safe assumption is that more than that

number have been wounded—and a submarine's wound is often mortal.

TAKING it by and large, we are not doing so badly.

Long before September 3, Hitler's U-boats were dispatched to their war stations. Depot ships for refuelling and restoring them were posted at strategic points.

One of the first steps taken by the Royal Navy has been to root out these depot ships—old tankers bought wholesale by Hitler in anticipation of this situation. Since the depot ships are surface craft, and since we retain surface command of the seas, their destruction is inevitable in time. But such destruction is not advertised—oh, no! Perhaps when they are put down, one of our armed vessels may take post in place of its victim—so that the U-boat, denuded of fuel and supplies, blunders into a trap.

Or, perhaps the Nazi, being suspicious, may try to carry on without fuel and stores, and die of starvation. The losses of U-boats are not always listed, one reason being that it is impossible to keep track of undersea craft which meet with this dismal fate—of simply vanishing.

It is disclosing no secret to say that the most effective weapon against a submarine is a depth charge. Such a bomb, of 300lb. weight of T.N.T., exploding under water, disturbs anything within a considerable radius.

If it doesn't crack the Nazi's hide it jolts him into sight, when guns can puncture him so satisfactorily that his escape is an impossibility, for a punctured U-boat cannot dive; it

must make off on the surface—and its speed is not sufficient to allow it to elude the chasers that are instantly hot on its trail.

WHEN the U.S. joined forces with us in the last war they devised what they called the Splitter Fleet—a large number of speedy small craft, each carrying a dozen depth charges and a gun. These little ships hunted in packs; and when their hydrophones detected the presence of a submarine they ran a ring round it, sprinkling depth charges, as their commanding officer put it, "like confetti at a wedding." Their success was considerable.

We have small craft, faster, more powerful than the Splitter Fleet; and these wash ships are capable of putting down such a barrage as will finish any U-boat, if within its radius of action.

Many cases are cited in the last war of merchantmen defeating a U-boat at its own game by dodging and the wise use of engines, and the Red Ensign crowd learn quickly. The Nazi may forget that he is not attacking sheep any more—merchants have been taught how to elude him, if no armed vessel is available to splinter him completely.

Doctor of the Old School

OUR doctor is by way of being a "character." He is a large, untidy-looking man, who seldom needs to carry the traditional black bag because of the capacious pockets which he favours in his old top-coat. These are always bulging with medicine bottles, boxes of pills, strange instruments, and a supply of "black boots," which the doctor sucks with great enjoyment as he goes on his rounds.

"The doctor," as everybody calls him, has no desire to career about the countryside in a motor car, which, in any case, would help him little, since many of his patients live in outlying cottages whose only approach is by a hillside path. Instead he sticks to his old bicycle, which has been rightily named Methuselah by the villagers, and which can be heard long before it is in sight.

We are used to a vision of the doctor, a stethoscope protruding from his pocket and a "black boot" bulging in his check, speeding down the village street, with terrified hens fluttering out of the way of Methuselah's ancient wheels.

Fortunately he has a sense of humour, which stands him in good stead when he is called out to some patient whose ailments are entirely imaginary, and he has many pawky tales to tell of his experiences.

arrived at the hillside cottage and began to make his examination, the old miser interrupted him with—"Noo, see here, doctor, afore ye gang any further, let me tell ye this. Gin ye think he's no' worth reprimandin', dinna pit oot muck expense on him."

On another occasion he was called to a cottage which resembled a "midden" in its untidiness, to examine a small boy who was ailing. "I hope there's no muckle wrang wi'oor Tam," said the stately mother anxiously.

"No, nothing much," said the doctor gravely. "I think some soap and water would do him as much good as anything."

"Mexty me," said she in a relieved voice. "That's cheap medicine. Wull I gie it to him afore or efter meals, doctor?"

On almost every cottage window-sill, beside the inevitable geranium plant, reposes a bottle of the doctor's medicine. The contents are harmless enough. "It's the psychology that counts," says the old doctor with a chuckle. He knows only too well that the goodwives are never so happy as when discussing their "complaints," and a bottle from the doctor is thought to be a certain cure for all ailments. Indeed, should he prescribe anything else, his patients are most indignant and refuse to pronounce themselves cured until he has presented them with a bottle of highly-coloured liquid.

The doctor is a great favourite among the children who, far from

dreading his visits, look forward to his arrival with great delight. Their aches and pains are forgotten once the old man is by their bedside, spinning long, impossible yarns for their benefit, and promising them a ride on Methuselah as soon as they are well enough to get up. This is a never-failing tonic, for they love to trundle up the village street with the doctor holding them firmly on his bicycle.

In winter the doctor's task is often a very hard one. He has to tramp many miles up snow-clad braes to reach his outlying patients and to minister to their needs, real or imaginary.

"Oh, doctor, what's the matter wi' ma tongue?" asked an anxious wife who was in the habit of "clashing" with her neighbours.

"Nothing much," he replied, soothingly. "It's just needing a rest."

The doctor is a keen botanist, and spends his free hours studying plants and all descriptions. This hobby of his amazes the villagers and is a great source of annoyance to old Mrs. M'Tosh, who suffers from the "pains" and who is always calling him in at unlikely hours. One day when he arrived rather late to visit her, she greeted him with, "Him," so ye're condescendin' to come at last. It's a peety I hadn't been a puddock-stool an' ye wad ha'e been here first thing 't the mornin'."

The doctor lives in a big house as untidy as himself, and is looked after

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U.S.-JAPAN TRADE RELATIONS

Depend On Japan's
New Attitude

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP).—State Department officials said today that the future of Japanese-American trade relations will depend largely on the attitude of the new Japanese government regarding American rights and interests in China.

They contend that it makes little difference to trade relations whether a new treaty is made or not and they drew attention to the friendly trade relations between the United States and France, many items of which are not mentioned in existing treaties.

Treat Expiration Effect

Officials were reticent regarding the negotiations between Ambassador Joseph Grew and the Japanese Foreign Office.

The expiration of the treaty will not cancel any Japanese privileges nor impose penalties, but will remove the obligation to continue any privileges indefinitely and will allow the imposition of penalties if desired.

Hopes Of Settlement

TOKYO, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—Hopes of settling the aftermath of the trade treaty question between the United States and Japan was expressed by Mr. H. Arita, the new Foreign Minister, in an interview with Japanese pressmen after the transfer of seals of office between himself and the outgoing Foreign Minister, Admiral Nomura.

He also said that preparations for the re-opening of the Yangtze were proceeding apace.

The foreign policy of the new Cabinet, Mr. Arita declared, would centre on the disposal of the China Affair and readjustment of relations with Third Powers, while firmly maintaining Japan's independent position.

It was untenable to assert that Japan would run the risk of antagonising one power in seeking friendly relations with another power while maintaining an independent position.

Mr. Arita said that he intended, in readjusting relations with the United States, to pursue the policy of his predecessor. In order to reconstruct the traditional friendship between Japan and the United States, the Foreign Minister asserted, the relations of the two countries should first be normalised. In this sense, the new cabinet would endeavour to clear out a way for all pending questions with the United States, one after another.

Re-opening Of Yangtze

If the United States appraised Japan's firm attitude correctly, he trusted that the United States would reciprocate Japan's constructive spirit in normalising the relations of the two countries.

With regard to the reopening of the Yangtze up to Nanjing, the Foreign Minister declared that it was decided at Japan's initiative as demonstrated by the fact that the Japanese Cabinet decided on the basic policy of reopening the Yangtze.

Preparations for the re-opening of the river, he added, were now being pushed.

Turning to the relations of Japan and the Soviet Union, Mr. Arita said that the anti-Comintern Pact was one thing and the friendly relations between Japan and the Soviet another.

Recalling that he, as Foreign Minister, participated in the conclusion of the tri-partite anti-Comintern Pact, Mr. Arita pointed out that it was the fixed policy of the Japanese Government to maintain friendly relations with the Soviet Union irrespective of the anti-Comintern Pact.

No Crisis Likely

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—There is not the slightest indication here that any crisis is likely to materialise on January 20 when the United States-Japan Trade Treaty is abrogated.

It is generally believed in informed circles that no *modus vivendi* is likely to be negotiated before the Treaty expires, but the matter appears to be taken with great calmness in official circles, as indicated in Mr. Cordell Hull's statement at the Press Conference yesterday when he said "There is no special development this morning," when asked the status of the American-Japanese discussions.

The President did not refer to the matter at his conference this afternoon.

It seems likely that the matter of the Japanese-American trade treaty will be left in suspense temporarily after the expiration of the treaty while discussions in the general relations between the two countries continue.

ROYAL FAMILY IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Their Majesties the King and Queen, with the two Princesses, returned to London from Sandringham, where they have been staying since just before Christmas.

The King held a Privy Council at Buckingham Palace, and handed Mr. Oliver Stanley his seal of office as Secretary for War.

Sir John Reith, the New Minister of Information, was sworn in and both were later received by the King in audience.

BRASS HATS DON'T RULE HIM

Premier Reviews The Home Front



THE PREMIER

Hollywood Drama

Film Star's Ex-Husband
Attempts Suicide

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 16 (UP).—Joan Bennett's first husband, Mr. John M. Fox, 38, formerly of Manila, attempted suicide today by taking 50 sleeping tablets.

He was apparently driven to distraction at the thought of Joan being on her third honeymoon.

He is reported to have an even chance of recovering.

"I Would Rather Die"

Police reported that Mr. Fox said he would rather die than to live without hope of re-marrying Joan. He said: "I cannot bear the thought of my daughter Diana being brought up by another man."

Joan and her new husband are on their honeymoon.

Joan's sister Barbara telephoned to Joan, and then arranged for Mr. Fox to be taken to hospital and attended by specialists.

Woman Fools The Police

And Is Fined \$150 With
Prison As Option

Remanded from Monday on a charge of giving false information to the Police, Ho Tai, 40, a widow, was fined \$150 or four months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning.

She was stated to have accused a man of stealing her earrings, when actually, she had concealed them in her hair. The man, it appeared, owed the woman money and could not pay.

Inspector Baker said inquiries had been made into the woman's circumstances. She was a money-lender and appeared to be fairly well-to-do. He pointed out that she had charged the man with theft, and the man had been detained in consequence. It was not until subsequently that she was found to have the earrings with her.

"She has made a deliberate attempt to mislead justice," Inspector Baker added.

Meanwhile, the Secretary of War, Mr. Woodring, appearing before the House Military Affairs Committee, appealed for the Committee's support for the new arms funds.

Billions For Warships

Colossal Estimates For United States

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—New warships costing \$2,276,000,000 will be needed by 1945 in order to complete the navy's current and proposed construction programme, according to Admiral Harold Stark's testimony before the House of Representatives' Naval Committee.

New Army Also Wanted

Meanwhile, the Secretary of War, Mr. Woodring, appearing before the House Military Affairs Committee, appealed for the Committee's support for the new arms funds.

"Up to this winter, our army has not been an army in being," said Mr. Woodring, adding that such an army as opposed to one on paper would enable America to "speak with authority for peace."

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Defending the Government's position vis-a-vis the resignation of Mr. Hore-Belisha, Mr. Chamberlain declared in the House of Commons today that there was no foundation for the suggestion that the War Minister's resignation was connected with, or was the result of, a battle between Mr. Hore-Belisha and certain high officers vaguely described as "Brass Hats," over the system of promotion in the army.

He had never heard of any serious differences between Mr. Hore-Belisha and the Army Council, and he did not believe that any existed.

"I can state definitely that no such consideration ever entered my head in connection with the change that I had thought it my duty to make," said Mr. Chamberlain.

PURE INVENTION

The story that pressure had been put upon him from outside by military officers or by their friends to displace Mr. Hore-Belisha was an invention from beginning to end. (Cheers.)

It was not complimentary to him to suggest that he would have allowed himself to be influenced by pressure of such a base character, "but it is a scandalous aspersion upon responsible officers who cannot speak for themselves to suggest that they would have so far forgotten their duty, especially in war time, as to contemplate any action of the kind I have described."

Mr. Chamberlain said that no serving officer had at any time ever said one word to him inconsistent with his loyalty to his ministerial Chief, and so far from putting pressure upon him, no officer had ever discussed with him any change in the Secretaryship for War.

War-Time Necessities

"Every Prime Minister must from time to time review the allocation of offices among his various colleagues, and to consider whether the allocation still remains the best that can be effected. But, especially in war time, it is essential that the machinery of government should work with maximum efficiency (Cheers) and minimum friction."

"If the Prime Minister thinks that a change is desirable, he must also consider when a change should be made, bearing in mind that every change must necessarily create a disturbance and that there are times when a disturbance is more dangerous than others."

Distasteful Duty

"To make changes among his colleagues is often the most distasteful of all duties of a Prime Minister, and if he had to make public all his reasons for making a change, it would be impossible to make any change."

"Therefore, I don't propose to give the House in detail my reasons this afternoon. I only say that I have become aware of the difficulties. Perhaps I might describe them as arising out of the very great qualities of Mr. Hore-Belisha which, in my view, made it desirable that a change should occur at some time, and I thought that the change could best be effected when I had made other changes at the same time in the Government."

"I do not want to lose the services of Mr. Hore-Belisha and, therefore, I offered him another very important post, but for reasons which he has given the House he did not see his way to accept the offer. I very much regretted his decision, but I respected it and I don't make any complaint of it."

"I myself only hold my present office by favour of the House of Commons, and it is at any time the Commons think a change desirable, I shall accept their decision like Mr. Hore-Belisha without complaint."

Only One Criterion

"In the meantime, I judge all matters on one criterion—whether the will or will not contribute towards an early and successful conclusion of the war. (Cheers.)"

"In the present case, my personal friendship for Mr. Hore-Belisha and my recognition of Mr. Hore-Belisha's great services draw me in one direction. My consciousness of the difficulties to which I have alluded pointed to another conclusion."

Accepts Responsibility

"I had to make up my mind which course would best serve the interests of the country. In the exercise of my judgment, I came to a conclusion, for which I take the fullest responsibility."

Mr. Chamberlain said he appreciated the tone and spirit of Mr. Hore-Belisha's statement, putting before all personal considerations one object, namely, that of service to the country for the purpose of winning the war.

"I knew that he was anxious to make his contribution towards that object, and I trust that it may not be long before he finds an opportunity to do so," concluded Mr. Chamberlain.

Far East Situation

Mr. Chamberlain referred to the East and said that the situation continued to be dominated by the hostilities between China and Japan. "While there are as yet no definite indications that might warrant any

optimistic forecast of a peaceful settlement in the near future, we have welcomed the recent action by the Japanese Government in the direction of relaxing some of the restrictions which, from time to time, have caused difficulty and tension in the relations with third Powers."

Mr. Chamberlain then stated that the special forces raised in Australia and New Zealand for overseas work should shortly take their places where they were most needed.

He concluded: "At the moment there is a lull in the operations of the war, but at any time within a few weeks, or even a few hours, the lull may simply be broken by events which will reshape the history of the world."

Mr. Attlee's Speech

Mr. Clement R. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition, who followed Mr. Chamberlain, said that it would be ungenerous to deny that during his period at the War Office Mr. Hore-Belisha had effected some notable reforms.

On the other hand, it was ridiculous as had been alleged in some organs of the popular Press, that he did them alone.

There undoubtedly had been among soldiers the realisation of the need for moving with the times, and in these reforms he was right. But, especially in war time, it is essential that the machinery of government should work with maximum efficiency (Cheers) and minimum friction."

War Cabinet Criticised

The Labour Opposition were not happy regarding the change or the transfer of Mr. Oliver Stanley from the Board of Trade. They might require a very strong man at the War Office, and he hoped that Mr. Stanley would carry on the line of reforms, and make changes in the organisation of the War Office.

The public were surprised at this change because there were other changes which they would have welcomed.

The War Cabinet was on the wrong basis and should not be composed of busy departmental ministers, he concluded.

Sinting Praise

Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Liberal Leader, said that the Opposition Liberals had been critics of Mr. Hore-Belisha, but now that he had resigned it was only fair to acknowledge the achievements which stood to his credit at the War Office.

At the same time it was a great mistake to suppose that he was and was not the sole champion of these reforms.

They did not spring from Mr. Hore-Belisha's mind and will alone; they represented the will of the people of this country expressed in Parliament of which Mr. Hore-Belisha was the instrument.

"I Don't Do Absolutely"

LONDON, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—In the course of the debate in the House of Commons following Mr. Chamberlain's statement, Col. J. C. Wedgwood pressed Mr. Chamberlain to reply to the suggestions that Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation was due to prejudices against his being a Jew. The Prime Minister said that he hardly thought that statement worth denying, but "I don't do absolutely."

Tsina Shops Mulcted

Because They Dealt
In British Goods

PEIPING, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—Chinese reports from Tsina state that 77 shops dealing in British goods, on the grounds that they failed to register their goods, have been fined sums a quarter of their total value.

Any shops failing to pay the fine before February 1st, it is reported, will be threatened to have their proprietors paraded through the streets.

For further dealings in British goods, the shops are told that they would be fined half their total value.

ASSAULTED CONSTABLE

Stiff Sentence For
Belligerent Chinese

Convicted on a charge of assaulting a police officer at Happy Valley, on Sunday, Au Kwong, 33, hawker, was fined \$15 or three weeks' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning.

He was said to have struck Indian constable B104, Ganga Singh, when the latter arrested him for attempting to climb into the Hongkong Football Club ground during a football match.

What Spectator Saw

Mr. R. M. Omar, of Lockhart Road, said he was in the covered stand in the ground when he heard a commotion. Turning around, he saw accused pick up stones and advance towards where B104 was standing amidst a crowd. B104 arrested Au when he tried to climb over a fence. Witness saw a struggle between the policeman and Au in the nullah by the roadside.

Inspector Baker asked for a serious view to be taken of the case. Large crowds always attended football matches and the races, he said, and there were many who attempted to enter the grounds without paying. Extra police were assigned to keep control of the crowds, and they did their best to keep order and prevent unauthorised persons entering stands without payment.

In this instance, he pointed out, there had been a deliberate flouting of police authority. The man's assault on the policeman could easily have caused a riot.

Firm Reply To Soviets

Fully Supported By
Scandinavian Press

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The Scandinavian Press backs up its governments in their firm reply to the Soviet protest.

A Stockholm paper says: "Sweden's foreign policy is never determined anywhere but in Stockholm."

Bland Answer

A Norwegian paper blandly says that there can be no question of Scandinavian countries not being neutral or otherwise because according to the Soviet Government, Russia is not at war with Finland.

A Danish paper says that the only thing that remains unanswered in the Soviet note is the demand for the censorship of the Press, "which will be impossible in Scandinavia, as no Scandinavian wants to live according to Bolshevik principles."

Soviets Apo Nazis

MOSCOW, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—According to the Soviets, Sweden is forcing her unemployed to fight in the Finnish Army.

Moscow radio says that Sweden is reducing her public works and is promising high pay and other inducements to make her unemployed fight Finland "on the advice of other Powers."

In a special Swedish broadcast, the Moscow radio appealed to Swedish workers to refuse to help Finland.

Man's "Rather Mean Theft"

Stole Chewing Gum
From Hawker

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning on Wong Wai, 40, coolie, who was charged with the theft of a bottle of chewing-gum, worth \$1.00, from a shop in Lockhart Road, Wanchai, yesterday.

Inspector Baker said Wong grabbed the bottle when nobody was looking and ran. When chased, he dropped the bottle to the ground.

Mr. Sheldon remarked it was a rather mean theft, as the complainant, a hawker, earned his living by hawking candy and other edibles, and could not afford to lose part of his stock.

Wong had two previous convictions.

Fire Follows Breakdown

Exciting Adventure For
British Ship

PANAMA, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—One of Britain's latest freighters, Merchant Prince (5,265 tons), was towed into Bilboa by the British steamer, California Star, after she had mysteriously broken down 800 miles out at sea.

While the vessel was drifting hopelessly as the result of the breakdown, a fire suddenly broke out among the wood stores on deck.

The fire was extinguished after five hours. The British Consul General at Bilboa is conducting investigations. The Captain of the Merchant Prince commends the conduct of the crew.

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Around The Courses

COUNTRY CLUB COMPETITIONS

Surprise Results In Women's Championship

COTTON CONTINUES TO COLLECT FOR WAR FUND

(By "Birdie")

THE ANNUAL MATCH between the President's and Captain's teams at the Country Club, which was to have been held this Sunday, has been postponed to a later date, probably during the Chinese New Year holidays. Singles will be played in the morning, and foursomes in the afternoon. There is usually a headache attached to this game, as it is followed by a dinner for which the losing side pays. Entries are post entries, and the teams will be divided as evenly as possible as far as handicaps are concerned.

Surprising developments in the women's championship have been the eliminations of Miss Sequeira and Mrs. Remedios by Miss L. G. Ablong and Mrs. A. J. Kew respectively. The latter two, who are the finalists, are also sisters.

The Sequeira-Ablong postponed match was played on Saturday last, and the latter's win was a meritorious one. It does not belittle the feat to state that the loser had definitely an off-day. Miss Sequeira went round in 50 and 55, while Miss Ablong returned 49 after doing the first nine in 52.

Miss Sequeira turned two up, but the first four holes of the second nine were disastrous, being 7, 6, 7, 6, and on the 14th tee she was two down. It was one of those days when nothing seemed to go right. Her bright spot was a birdie 3 for the 20th, which is a treacherous dog-leg of 270 yards' narrow fairway. The back-swinging out-of-bounds to catch the merest slice, and a long ditch to the right to penalise a hook.

Miss Ablong's success could be attributed to her execution of excellent shots at critical times. Her finest shot of the day was a perfect "explosion" from the bunkers around the difficult 10th, being at that stage one up and three to go. She landed within a yard of the pin, and made herself dormant two.

She continued her form on the following day and beat Miss M. Mooney 9 and 4 in the semi-final, after being 4 up at the turn.

MRS. A. J. Kew eliminated Mrs. C. Remedios by the surprisingly big margin of 5 and 4. Having gone round in 48 against Mrs. Remedios 49 for the first nine, Mrs. Kew was one up at the turn, which was as close as was expected. But the first four holes of the second nine were as disastrous for Mrs. Remedios as they had been for Miss Sequeira—7, 6, 7, 6—and losing all four, the match ended on the 14th green.

The odds, then, are very much in favour of Mrs. Kew's retaining the women's title which she won last year.

PROFESSIONAL golfers at Home continue to collect money for the British Red Cross Fund, and to date have collected something around £3,000. Of this sum Henry Cotton's matches have contributed about £2,800, which by now must be over £3,000.

Cotton and R. Burton (Sale), the Open Champion, beat the amateur Bentley brothers, A. and H.G., by 9 and 6 at Heston, and the spectators, who numbered over 1,000, subscribed £250, of which £24.10s. was gained from an auction of the balls.

Two further matches were when

FANLING HUNT FINANCES



Doubles semi-finalists in the women's tennis championship of the Colony played at the United Services Recreation Club last Sunday. Reading left to right: Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Lillon, Mrs. Churchill and Mrs. Lade. The first named pair won the match by 6-1, 6-2—Mee Cheung.

SPORTSMEN WHO DID NOT KNOW PAIN

Courageous Examples From Athletic History

ONE OF THE MANY queer traits in the human race, which even the scientists cannot quite figure out, concerns the capacity to absorb pain, writes Claude Corbett in the Sydney Sun.

Pain, to many humans, is a distinct and wrecking shock. To others it is a minor matter. And it isn't always a question of courage.

Down through the years I have seen many examples of this. Men have flinched from going down on the ball at the feet of players in a head-long Rugby rush.

Others have dived into the melee of lashing boots and been apparently immune to the sinking of leather into their anatomy. They have done it again and again.

And I have seen those men who would not drop on the ball, except in desperate situations, stagger about after a heavy tackle, continuing in the game although obviously suffering agony. Their courage could not be doubted.

It has been the same in the boxing ring. Men have fought on with gaping facial wounds, evidently suffering time a blow landed upon a sore spot. But they fought on just the same.

TEETH

THROUGH LOWER LIP I SAW Pat O'Keefe, the London Irishman, fight Dave Smith at the Sydney Stadium in 1909 with his teeth through the lower lip.

To an ordinary fighter, every punch would have been agony. But Pat kept going, flat-footed, after his man throughout the 20 rounds. Smith won on points. In their second fight Smith knocked O'Keefe out in the 17th round.

An American writer has something to say on the subject. Henry Armstrong, he declares, has been fighting for two years with a pair of hands that would have wrecked an ordinary mortal.

There have been fights where Armstrong had to force stiff and swollen fingers into the gloves, he declares, and adds, "He had to bend and shove them in."

The pain at times, Armstrong said, was so bad he had to start hooking with the fist of his hand. He just had to keep his fingers out of it.

Armstrong has proved that with battered and swollen painful hands and a badly cut lip, he can take heavy punishment and still keep under way.

THE DURABLE DANE

THEN there is the story about Battling Nelson, once light-weight champion of the world. "The Durable Dane" they called him. And he was.

Once, on the morning of a fight, attention was attracted to a knuckle on Nelson's right hand—swollen more than twice its normal size. It had a rainbow tinge—including blue, black and yellow.

"No one can fight with a hand like that," a friend remarked. Nelson's answer was a punch at the wall. "It doesn't even hurt," he said.

Young Corbett hit me over the heart, he knocked me down and broke one of my ribs," Nelson told his audience.

"That didn't hurt either," he added. "I got up from the floor, nailed him on the jaw and knocked him out the

Successful Year For The Race Club

A RECORD CROWD at the Fanling Race meeting at Kwanti on Boxing Day, a doubling of commissions from special sweeps, and increased profits from the race meetings as compared with those of the previous season were the cheerful notes struck in the annual report of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club delivered by Mr. M. M. Watson, Chairman, at the annual meeting held yesterday.

Mr. Watson said: The very successful year has made our financial position less acute than at this time last year. A profit of \$427 was made on the stable account, compared with a loss of \$587 last year. In some measure this has been due to the new system of stable supervision by the R. A. Polo Pony Club and we should like to thank them for their help.

I think we must always have a loss on the Hunters' Arms working account in view of the fact that our expenditure carries on throughout the year, whereas the period of income is confined to the short racing season, but nevertheless this loss has been reduced by more than \$500, due to the excellent and generous service given to us by Mrs. Alice Potts and her husband. I am sure that all members are grateful, and are appreciative of the increased comfort now enjoyed at the Hunters' Arms.

SWEEPS COMMISSION UP

In the Kwanti Race Course account, which is our main source of income, each of the meetings showed a considerable profit over that of last year and in addition, the commission from special sweeps was doubled.

The cost of the drag hounds for the year was \$3,170, compared with \$1,616, and the reason for this can easily be seen in the account which is headed the Fanling Hunt Drag Hound and contains the details. In this account it will be noticed that the upkeep of kennels showed an increase of \$1,400, and in addition, carrying repairs and renewals cost the Club \$900.

We have written off the cost of hounds which last year were shown as an asset in the balance sheet, with which procedure, I think you will agree.

ATTENDANCE RECORD

LAST SEASON was one of the most successful in the history of the Club and, so far as the race course is concerned, the recent meeting we had on Boxing Day at Kwanti was also probably a record. At our last meeting we were not expecting the very large number of people who attended, and consequently the preparations were not what they might have been for such a large number. However, since that last meeting one or two improvements have been made and further accommodation arranged, and I trust even if on Sunday next we have anything like the number of people who attended last time, they will not be inconvenienced by overcrowding.

Doubtless owing to the uncertain times the number of people hunting is very much fewer than it has been in the last few years, and consequently the number of ponies available for steeplechase or hurdle races has been considerably curtailed. We have, however, with the substitution of one or two flat races, made up a programme which I believe was an attractive one.

Badminton

Taikoo Beat K.C.C. In Mixed Doubles

Playing at home, Taikoo beat the K.C.C. 8-1 in the mixed doubles second round of the Badminton League last evening.

J. Clark and Mrs. Beattie (Taikoo) beat J. R. Anderson and Miss Stokes 21-12; beat A. L. Fisher and Mrs. Smoby 21-10; beat J. Merrett and Miss Parsons 21-7.

R. Main and Mrs. Main beat Anderson and Miss Stokes 21-8; beat Fisher and Mrs. Smoby 21-8; beat Merrett and Miss Parsons 21-7.

O. Gillies and Miss Cunningham lost to Anderson and Miss Stokes 6-21; beat Fisher and Mrs. Smoby 22-22; beat Merrett and Miss Parsons 21-7.

The following teams will represent the Kowloon C.C. in the cricket matches against the Gaisengow C.C. on Saturday:

1st XI (home)—Goodwin (Capt.), E. C. Fincher, R. E. Lee, D. J. N. Anderson, N. D. Lloyd, D. Hung, W. L. Hapley, A. Zimmerman, R. A. Madan, J. P. Robinson, Scorer, T. W. Carr.

2nd XI (away)—W. Mulcahy (Capt.), G. E. Taylor, G. A. Goodwin, R. Baldwin, S. A. Gray, F. J. Lay, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, R. A. J. Simson, G. A. V. Hall, and E. Curtis, Umpire, H. Overy, Scorer, H. Brokenshire.

R. Engineers Beat R.A.F. By Nine Wickets

THE ROYAL ENGINEERS scored a nine wickets victory over the Royal Air Force in a game of cricket played at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Bowling honours went to Denyer who took six wickets for 11 runs. For the Air Force, New was the only bowler to take a wicket, scoring 31 of the 73 runs total.

Bailley and Radcliffe for the Sappers both retired after completing their half-centuries, and after the match had been won, but the side continued batting and aggregated 101 for six wickets when the match ended.

The scores were: R.A.F.—73 (New 31, Denyer 0 for 11, Radcliffe 1 for 9). R.E.—101 for six wickets (Bailley 85, retired, Radcliffe 50, retired, Nancarrow 3 for 44).

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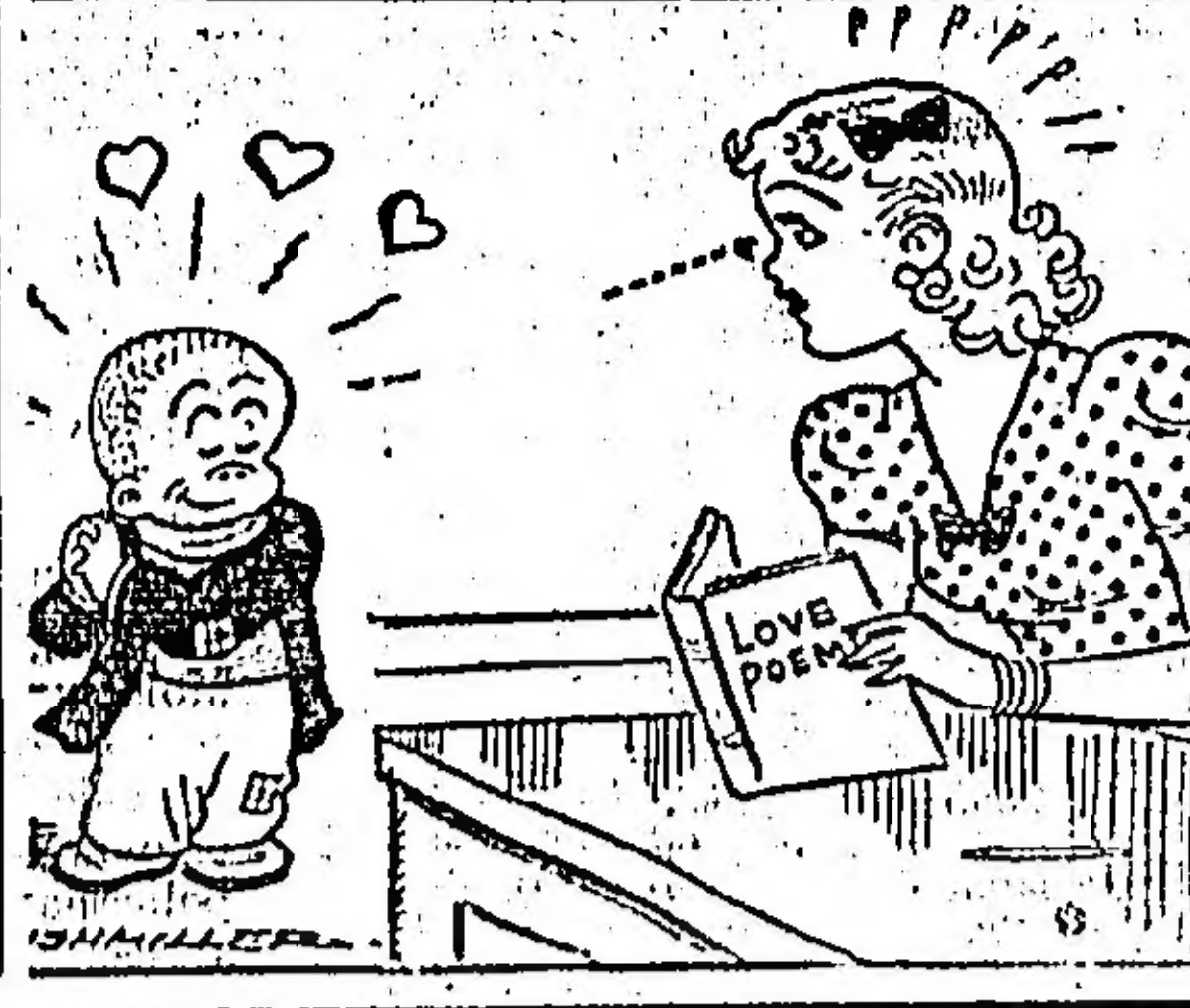
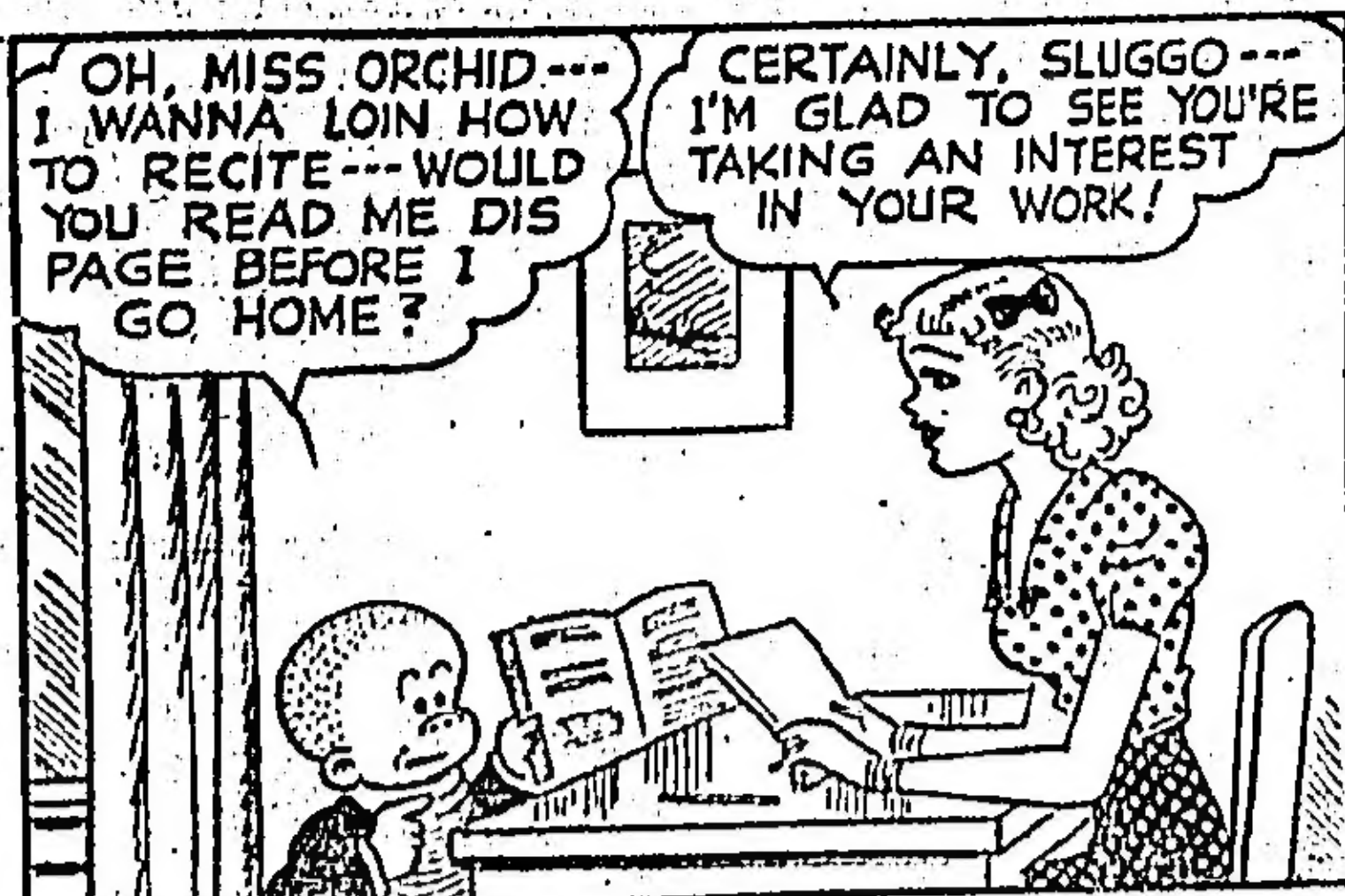
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They Drank A Toast To The Future

During the 20 years that, as a bachelor, he had been a master at Brookfield School Chipping had not been able to get on friendly terms with the boys. But, after a walking trip in the Tyrols where he had met (and later married) Katherine Ellis, a transformation was worked in him.

ONE night, when Chips was on dormitory inspection, as the "lights out" bell rang, Kathie accompanied him to the door.

"Chips," she said, and paused. Then, with mock daring, she continued: "Cough a little before you come to No. 11, will you?"

"Kathie—why?" he asked with instant suspicion of her wiles.

"Well, Jones Minor got a tuck-box from home to-day. Chips, didn't you ever have a dormitory feast when you were a little boy?"

His eyes twinkled at her. "Well, I remember once—but that's entirely beside the point."

"Is it?"

"Kathie, I sometimes think you are trying to pull Brookfield down stone by stone!"

He was very solemn as he left her, but when he opened the door of No. 11, where the contents of the tuck-box were spread out in the centre of the bed, and the young occupants sat about in their night attire, eyes shining, mouths open in alarm at the discovery of the forbidden dormitory feast.

Chips just stared clear across the room. He did not act as though he saw either the feast nor the fearful boys.

"Hum," he said as though to himself. "Thought I heard a noise. Must have been the cat."

He went quietly out, closing the door.

He stopped for a moment, shaking his head sorrowfully, thoroughly surprised and shocked at his action, but not so shocked as to go

APRIL FOOLS' DAY

back and put an end to the feast

AT the Christmas holidays that year, the boys did not seek to avoid Chips; they made it a point to tell him goodbye, wish him and his wife a Merry Christmas and to ask him to give Mrs. Chips such messages as that, "I'm going to bring her some silk-worms," "I'll bring her a picture of my sister"—of the Mater, of our house, etc.

And then Jenks, the school porter, approached with a message that the Headmaster wanted to see him.

Kathie, helped by Nellie, the maid, was busy decorating a Christmas tree in the sitting room when Chips came in with a rush of excitement.

"Kathie! Such news! They're making me Housemaster! Longhurst's leaving, and the Head's offering me his house!"

"Darling! I'm so happy!" she cried, going into his arms and kissing him. "Not that it's any more than you deserve! It's a lovely old house, and there's a most imposing library for you—and a green house with a grapevine. I think we should have lighter paint in the hall though—it's a little gloomy as it is."

"Here! Here, not so fast!" But she continued: "—but the bedrooms are lovely, and oh, there's a little room at the head of the stairs. I always thought that would be perfect for a nursery."

"You always thought..." gulped Chips; "but you could hardly have expected—" "But of course, dear, I was sure you would be Headmaster

some day, just as I'm sure one day you'll be Head. I've been trying to make up my mind which of the houses I'd like best."

"Well, upon my word! The presumption of the woman! He chuckled as Kathie led him to his chair by the fire.

"Imagine, Chips, Longhurst's will have to be called 'Chippin's' now."

"Chippin's? I suppose so. Well, well! And I do believe you meant it—that one day I'll be Headmaster!"

"My darling," said Kathie, snuggling close, "you're a very sweet person—and a very modest person. You have sorts of unexpected gift and qualities, so unexpected that you keep surprising even me with them." She put her hand in his. "Never be afraid, Chips, that you can't do anything you've made up your mind to. As long as you don't lose faith in yourself, you can go as far as you dream. Certainly you'll be Headmaster if you want to."

Max Staefel came in a little later and they drank a toast together to the future.

APRIL Fool's Day always brings a certain licence to school boys and those at Brookfield were no exception.

In Chips's class—room several of the pupils were gathered. One boy had just laid some letters on the master's desk when another rushed in bursting with news.

"Any, have you heard the news? Chips is having a baby!"

"Chips is?" queried Martin.

"Mrs. Chips, you fool!" explained an older boy.

"Just like old Chips," commented Martin. "He would have a baby on April Fool's Day. Let's finish here."

They returned to the desk and stuck used stamps on the envelopes. One boy was painfully drawing a postmark in pencil across a cancelled stamp.

"Bring the postmark across the letter," cautioned Martin. "Chips won't notice it. He'll think they're really letters and open them to find only blank sheets of paper."

"I don't see much in that," commented a fat lad.

"That's the point—there's isn't explained Martin. "Chips'll see the joke. It's jolly good at seeing jokes lately."

CHIPPING'S home seemed deserted. All was quiet except for the monotonous ticking of a grandfather's clock. A shaft of light streamed through a window upon the stairway landing.

At the bottom of the steps, stood Kathie's little maid, Nellie, looking up with white, shocked face. Her eyelids were red and swollen.

A nurse came out of a second floor room and appeared at the head of the stairs. Nellie called in hushed, fearful voice: "Is it all right?"

"It's all over, Nellie. Mrs. Chipping—"

"And—the baby, too?"

The nurse did not trust herself to speak, she nodded and abruptly disappeared. Nellie laid her head against the newel post and broke into soft weeping.

The bedroom door opened and Chips came out, walking heavily, his eyes dazed and dead, unable to realise that wife and child were both gone—that Kathie's sweet, sympathetic voice would never again welcome him home. The doctor followed him, touched his arm gently.

"I'll send a message to the common room. Someone else can take your class."

CHIPS passed a hand across his bewildered eyes, reached for a book, opened it fumblingly.

"Turn to page 29," Shocked, sympathetic, the boys got their books, opened them quietly, hardly rustling a page. "Martin, will you begin," continued the expressionless voice of the master.

Martin stood up and began reading the Latin, translating it line by line into stumbling English, his voice choked, uncertain, faltering.

Never once did Chips stop him, help him through a difficult passage or explain a new word, an obscure reference. Martin's voice went on monotonously through the entire assignment. No other boy was called on to recite. Chips was not even following the text.

TO-MORROW REVOLT

SPARTAN SPORTSMEN

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wing three-quarters, both with the Union and the League.

He went to England with the Wallabies in 1933 and the Kangaroos in 1931. When his football days were over, Russell became a State and Australian Rugby League selector, and, at different times, when not engaged upon these duties, coached the Newtown players. He is a life member of that club, and next month will go up for election for a similar honour in the New South Wales League.

Charlie Russell is another of the growing number of Rugby men to go through severe illnesses in recent months. The others are making good progress, and it is to be sincerely hoped that "Boxer" will be equally fortunate. His army of friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

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DOCTOR OF THE OLD SCHOOL

(Continued from Page 4.)

by Kirby, who has the sharpest tongue and kindest heart in the district. It is well known that the doctor would seldom have anything more substantial to eat than "black boots," nor would he ever remember to put on his top-coat or change his wet boots.

"It's waur than a bairn," says Kirby, but there is a kind gleam in her eyes when she speaks of the doctor, and there is no doubt that she thinks the world of him, although he often says, with a smile, "that he cannot call his soul his own when Kirby is about."

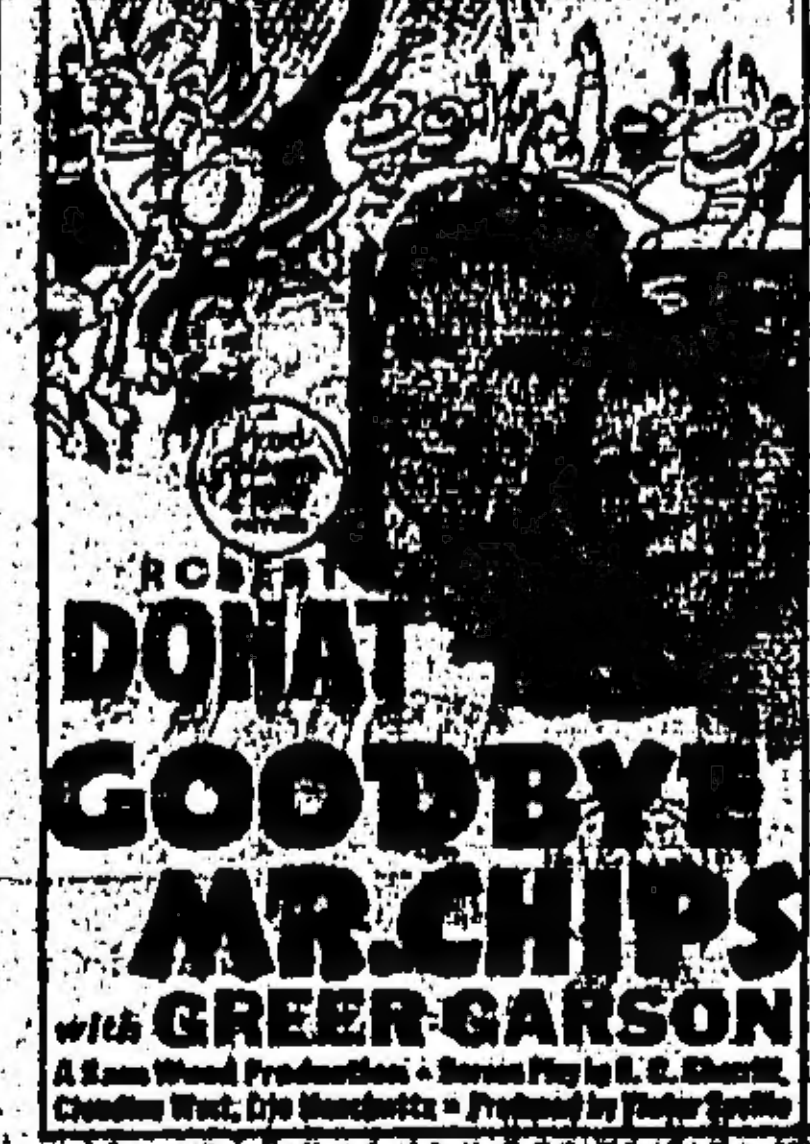
How he manages to make a living we have long wondered. Kirby guesses, for most of his patients are poor, and as often as not he deliberately forgets to send in his bill. Often, too, when he arrives at some poor cottage, he will produce from his pocket a packet of tea or something that he knows is lacking from his patient's cupboard. But he is very indignant if anyone tries to thank him.

"Nonsense! Nonsense!" he says gruffly. "Wait till I send in the bill." But the bill he has been told that the doctor often has to go without tobacco himself, and has not had a new winter coat for more years than he can recall.

Some of his patients, however, repay him in kind. On more than one occasion he has been told that "Well to killing" the soo as aunc as ye've cured Wull's bronchitis. A ham'll no come amies to ye, doctor. "The general verdict of the country-side is—'He's a grand man, poor doctor. He hant-measures wi' him. He'll either kill ye, or cure ye.'"

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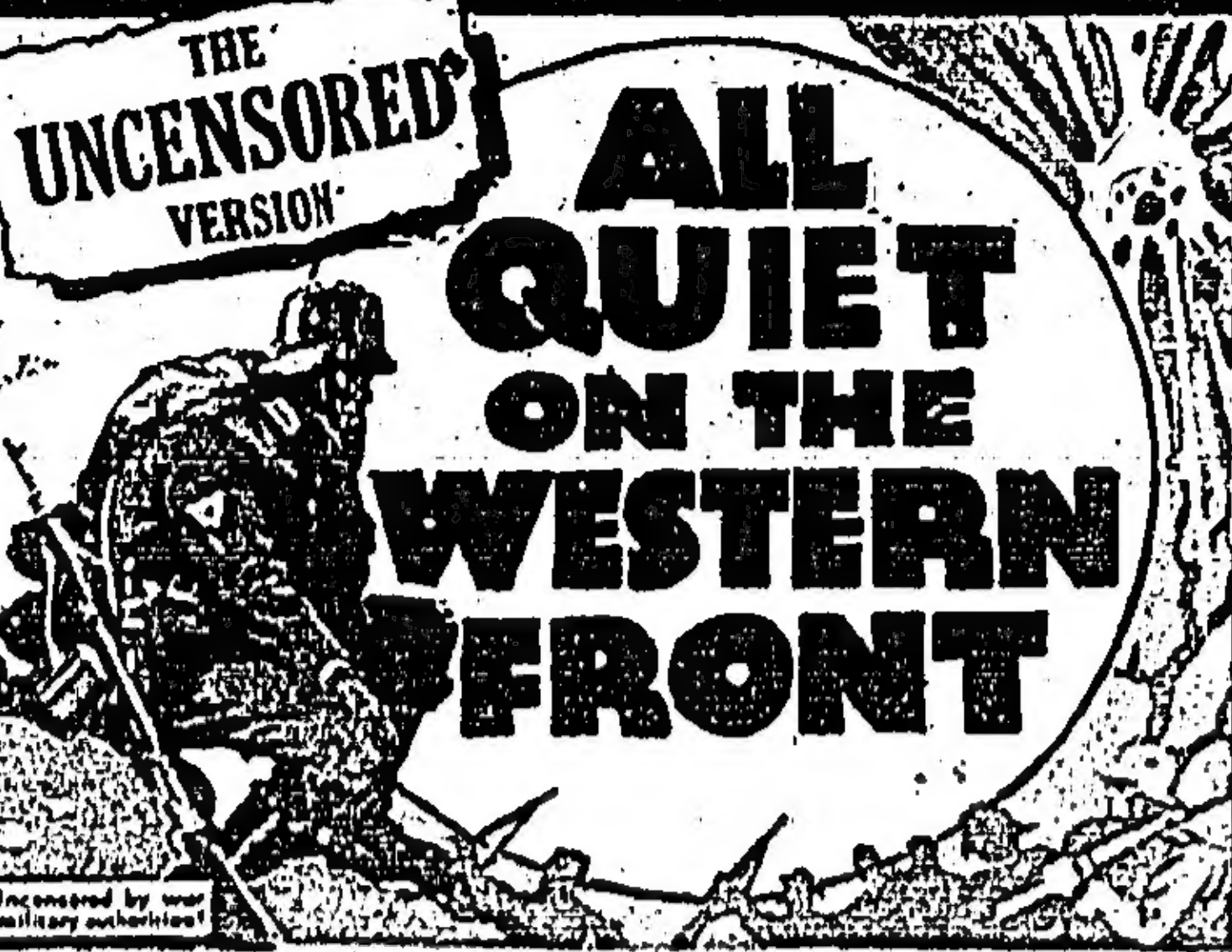
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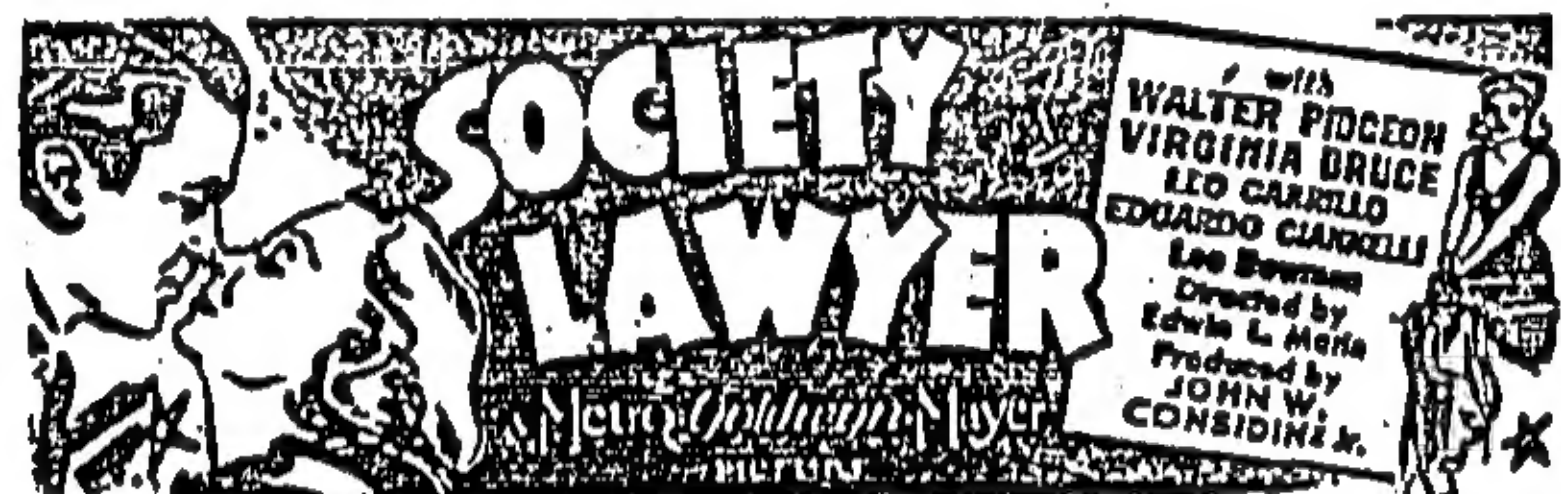


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Steward Of President Coolidge Believed Drowned

Shanghai, Jan. 16. An American steward from the President Coolidge and two Chinese boatmen are missing and are believed to have been drowned when a steam launch overturned in mid-stream on the Whangpoo this morning. A messman on the President Coolidge, James B. Conroy, 20, accompanying the steward on the launch, was rescued and taken ashore. The Whangpoo steam launch Torsio in which the two men were returning after seeing Shanghai night spots at 5 a.m., was struck by a river steamer and overturned after the motor broke down in mid-stream. The messman, the steward and the Chinese boatmen were thrown overboard. The Chinese boatmen and the steward are believed to have been drowned. Conroy was picked up by a Chinese junk. Owing to the President Coolidge having 200 stewards on board, it was not possible to ascertain the name of the missing man. A roll call is being taken to learn the identity of the missing man.—United Press.

LATE NEWS

He Arrested Molotov—Worse Luck

THIRTY years ago when the Czar still ruled in Russia a young student named Molotov was arrested, accused of revolutionary activities. Borissov was the name of the policeman who made the arrest.

Molotov is Soviet Prime Minister now. Borissov has just been sent to prison for ten years—charge not stated—according to the Moscow radio.

BURNS NIGHT SPEAKERS

At the Burns Night dinner at the Peninsula on January 25, Mr. D. J. Sloss will propose the toast of "The Immortal Memory." The toast of "The Lassies" will be given by Mr. G. B. Godfrey and replied to by Mr. C. M. McEwan.

HONGKONG REFUGEES

Little Change Shown In Local Camps

The numbers of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps in urban and rural areas are given officially as follows:

In urban areas, civilians.—King's Park 1,329 for the week ending on January 13, as compared with 1,333 on January 6; Matachung 1,147, as compared with 1,130 and North Point 1,452, as compared with 1,439. In urban areas, soldiers.—In hospital 25 on January 13, as compared with 12 on January 6 and Argyle Street 670, as compared with 716. Rural areas.—At Kam Tin 1,951 on January 13, as compared with 1,917 on January 6; San Uk Ling 699, as compared with 698 and Gills Cutting 338, as compared with 343. The grand total on January 13 was 7,511, as compared with 7,495 on January 6, showing an increase of 16.

Air From Americans

Chungking, Jan. 16. A message from New York reports that the "One Bowl of Rice" movement organized by the people in New York in aid of Chinese war refugees is being pushed in 280 large cities in the United States. Over US\$17,000 has been raised.—Central News.

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LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—A short discussion followed the Earl of Stanhope's war review in the House of Lords, which was identical with that given by Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons.

Lord Snell urged quick and adequate help to Finland, and asserted that if the Finns were beaten, the strategic position of Europe would be immediately altered, and probably to very serious disadvantage to this country.

He highly welcomed the reference to help by the Dominions, India and the Colonies which, even now, he thought, was insufficiently realised. Economic Policy Criticised. Lord Snell considered the Government's economic policy to be wrong and that it would have to be shortly reviewed. Lord Crew also hoped that the Government would help Finland as far as possible. He disagreed with Lord Snell's suggestion that the change in the War Secretariat was due to military pressure on the Prime Minister. Speaking from experience, he would generally hesitate to believe it possible.

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